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# Your LETTERS

## More about Sheldon

By CHESLEY R. PERRY  
Past Secretary, Rotary International  
Chicago, Illinois

The article *Sheldon . . . a Name to Remember*, by John O. Knutson [THE ROTARIAN for March], was an interesting and timely one. On the whole it was very well done, although containing too many unnecessary references to a Past Secretary of Rotary International.

The intimation that Arthur Frederick Sheldon and Paul Harris might have met in 1905 (and hence Sheldon might have had something to do with founding the first Rotary Club) seems to me unfortunate. As one who knew them both, I am sure they did not meet before the night of January, 1908, when Sheldon and I were received into the Rotary Club of Chicago. Shortly after that I had Paul and Arthur to lunch and was happy to see them get on so well together.

The "Service above Self" part of Rotary's present motto was in use long before 1916. In fact, it was suggested by the Rotary Club of Minneapolis at the 1911 Convention and received favorable consideration.

I regret the omission of any reference to what I consider Arthur Sheldon's most important single contribution to the advancement of the Rotary movement: his masterly presentation at the Edinburgh Convention (1921) of his thesis "The Philosophy of Rotary," which was an inspiration to all Rotarians present at the Convention and to those who read it subsequently.

## 'We're Plugging along the Road'

Says L. O. GRIFFITHS, Realtor  
Vice-President, Rotary Club  
Dominguez-Carson, California

In *The Editors' Workshop* in THE ROTARIAN for November, 1954, was coined a beautiful phrase: ". . . Rotarian's route to a stable, peaceful world—the route of personal international acquaintance—is a slow one. . . . Meanwhile, it is surely a good thing that someone is plugging along cheerfully on the slow road. . . ."

Well, our little Club here in southern California is doing a good job of "plug-

ging along cheerfully." Recently we were hosts to more than a score of students from other countries, which included young ladies from Iraq, Japan, France, and Iran (they are shown with me in the photo). We have these guests from time to time. Another bit of "plugging" takes the form of sponsorship of two Latin-American students who are attending Southland schools.

## The Goose Hangs, Hi!

Reports HAROLD R. KOSTER  
President, Insurance Agency  
Governor, Rotary District 169  
Salida, Colorado

As a Rotarian always interested in what Clubs are doing to increase attendance, I read carefully the description of the behind-the-eightball method being used by the Rotary Club of Clintonville, Wisconsin. Readers will recall the account of it in *Rotary Reporter* in THE ROTARIAN for December, 1954.

Recently on the night that its charter was presented to the new Rotary Club



Myrtle II boxed for a week's visit.

of North Colorado Springs, the President of the Club, Wendell Spear, was introduced to Myrtle II. This young "lady" is a goose which is now being given to any Rotarian who misses a meeting and does not make up. In case no one misses, the President has agreed to keep her in good shape. Myrtle II took to the air—but not under her own power—to get to the North Colorado Springs charter meeting, in company with Robert D. Miller, Wapakoneta, Ohio, Rotarian, close friend of the President. In the photo Roy Davis, who served as master of ceremonies, presents Myrtle II to Herbert Bins, who missed the charter meeting, and, accordingly, took care of her for one week.

## Death after Dark Commended

By WILLIAM E. BILLINGS  
Administrative Assistant  
Regional Planning Commission  
Cleveland, Ohio

I commend you upon the excellent article *Death after Dark*, by Donald Slutz [THE ROTARIAN (Continued on page 58)]



Four from other lands—with a host.

# THIS ROTARY MONTH

NEWS FROM 1600 RIDGE AVENUE, EVANSTON, ILLINOIS, U.S.A.

**GOLDEN GOAL.** April will see the 15-week observance of Rotary's Golden Anniversary in high gear—with District Conferences, District Assemblies, and intercity meetings of special size and theme bringing throngs of Rotarians and their ladies together throughout the world. Beyond these brightly looms the Golden Anniversary Convention in Chicago May 29-June 2. By February 21, Rotarians had made reservations for 12,544 persons in Chicago hotels—highest advance reservation ever as of this date before a Convention. Portent: at least 20,000 in the birthplace city for the '55 reunion. Next month: details of the Convention program—and a pictorial on the host Club as it celebrated its and Rotary's 50th Birthday.

**PRESIDENT.** Featured as the "cover man" in a four-color photo on the issue of "Newsweek" magazine (circ. 913,243) which hit the newsstands February 23, Rotary's President, Herbert J. Taylor, was in his own Club, Chicago, on that historic date. In mid-March he and his wife, Gloria, headed for brief Rotary visits in Philadelphia, Baltimore, Boston, New York—and he for the Italian liner "Cristoforo Colombo," which would start him on a journey to Italy, Egypt, Israel, Turkey, Lebanon, Greece, and England. In London, England, he would meet with several thousand Rotarians from all parts of Britain and Ireland in the annual RIBI Conference April 15-18, sailing for home April 20. For a glimpse of earlier Taylor travels see page 32.

**BOARD.** For a report of the most recent meeting of the Board of Directors of Rotary International see page 46.

**MEETINGS.** Finance Committee.....March 28-30.....Evanston, Ill.  
Rotary Foundation Trustees.....May 13.....Evanston, Ill.  
Board of Directors.....May 14-18.....Evanston, Ill.  
International Assembly.....May 19-27.....Lake Placid, N.Y.  
International Convention.....May 29-June 2.....Chicago, Ill.  
Council of Past Presidents.....May 29-June 4...Chicago and Evanston, Ill.

**NEW CROP.** One hundred and nine superior young men and women from 29 countries will study in lands other than their own in 1955-56—as Rotary Foundation Fellows. All graduate students, all between 20 and 29 years of age, they are the yield of the Foundation Fellowship annual screening process which begins in the Clubs, works up through the Districts, and ends in a final sifting by the Rotary Foundation Fellowships and International Student Exchange Committee. First announcement of the 109 awards was made before the 900 persons gathered in Chicago on the night of February 23 for Rotary's 50th Birthday party in its birthplace. What 148 former Fellows think of Rotary's Fellowship plan is reported on page 26.

**STAMPS.** By March 1, 21 countries had issued or announced the issue of stamps commemorative of Rotary's 50th Anniversary, and stamp lovers around the globe were buying briskly. Now comes word of a way any Club anywhere can give local focus to this world-wide salute to Rotary. The way is a Club program bringing in the local postmaster, a mail carrier, stamp clubs, etc. It is detailed in an International Service Paper (No. 742) titled "International Understanding through Stamp Collecting." Hot from the press, it is available free from the Secretariat of Rotary International at the address at the top of this page.

**VITAL STATISTICS.** On February 23 there were 8,527 Rotary Clubs and an estimated 402,000 Rotarians. New Clubs since July 1, 1954, totalled 222.

## The Object of Rotary:

To encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and in particular to encourage and foster:

(1) The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.

(2) High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

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## WORKSHOP



FEBRUARY 23, 1955, dawned hazy-bright in Chicago, Illinois, and, except for a few snow clouds which dropped the least they could and hurried on, it remained so until sunset. It was a good day for a birthday. While the day was yet new—hours before 900 people from 15 lands would throng the grand ballroom of the Hotel Sherman in a festively splendid celebration — footsteps crackled the leaves in one of the quietest places in all of Chicago — Mount Hope Cemetery on 115th Street. A delegation had come to lay a wreath in the name of Rotary International and all the Clubs and men who make it up at the grave of the lawyer who exactly a half century before had called some friends together in what they soon named a "Rotary Club." The photo shows the Secretary of the world organization which flowered from that seed in the act of placing the floral tribute. Later in the day there came another wreath, this from the Rotary Club of Douglas on the tiny Isle of Man on England's northwestern shore.

There may have been others, too. We could not tarry to learn. This issue was closing—and only this page remained open to report how Rotary's 50th Birthday began in the city of its birth... and to suggest to readers who may not understand the inexorability of press schedules and mailing dates that they watch succeeding issues for pictures and stories telling how 8,527 Rotary Clubs in 89 countries marked February 23, 1955... and how at least 12 new Clubs were born on that very memorable day.

IT COULD BE that somewhere in some country far from the U.S.A. there's a small boy who, when he dreams of going with Father to Rotary's Convention in Chicago next month, dreams more of scouting Indians than plenary sessions. If so, this month's cover is for him. It says that there *are* American Indians still, and there are—343,410 of them by the 1950 U. S. census. One of these is a

## Our Cover



full-blooded Sioux named Benjamin Black Elk and it is he whom you see here. Our boy from afar will likely find Mr. Black Elk at the famed Mount Rushmore Memorial in the Black Hills of South Dakota where he poses for pictures and freely tells adults that he's not a chief, as his bonnet indicates, but actually "just a p.f.c. Indian." He may add, however, that his grandpa saw the Custer Massacre and that he himself is a graduate of Carlisle Indian School. Wm. R. Wilson, Iowa-born writer-photographer, took the picture in 1953. Freelance Photographers Guild supplied the transparency.—Ebs.

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Dávila

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Roth

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Meuse

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# Three Postulates of Vocational Service

*Some reflections on how a man can improve his business standards—  
and what he needs to know to do so.*

By **GEORGE B. WEBBER**

*Public-Utility Division Manager; Rotarian, Elizabeth, N. J.*

**T**HE truly honorable man tries to guide himself by a set of principles. Are there in our business and professional worlds some discoverable principles which, if understood and lived by, would lead us to yield a higher quality of Vocational Service? I believe there are and I want to place three before you—but, first, there again is that term which stops so many Rotarians.

"Vocational Service? What is it?" they exclaim. "I never did understand it." We have only to read the Object of Rotary [see page 3—Ebs.] with special attention to its second point to begin our understanding. We have only to know that our own personal Vocational Service is the sum of what we do every day on our jobs—in all our relationships with buyer, seller, employee, employer, competitor, and trade and professional organization. We have only to think on these things a bit to see for ourselves that Vocational Service is indeed the "cornerstone of Rotary." Every hour of every day we are performing vocational services—whether good or bad, great or small.

Now back to my three principles. To achieve the highest form of service to our businesses and professions, certain things are requisite, are necessary conditions. The three I would postulate are (1) *work*, (2) *pride*, (3) *dimension*. First let's take *work*.

Many of us have lived through a period when debts were more highly praised than assets, when wages were expected to go up but prices were expected to go down, when employment was created by legislation, when incentives were spurned so that the active and

passive producers shared alike.

Perhaps we've been affected by these distortions. Sometimes in despair, after a long period of hard, fruitless work, we groan, "There *must* be an easier way."

But there is no easier way for the mature person. The basis for satisfactory adjustment to life is work, done with a will, done with energy, done with vision. There's no use talking about Vocational Service to a lazy man. High ethical standards in business and professions are undergirded by sound work.

This is the first postulate of Vocational Service.

The second postulate is *pride*. Here I speak of the quiet dignity and sound strength that come to a man who is doing well a useful part of the world's work. He regards his work neither as beneath his dignity nor fretfully beyond his depth. Pride, as I use the word, is a good thing. And when it is in a man, you and I know it.

A pride of this kind is not born. It is acquired. A young college graduate once sat before me and when I asked him what he wanted most to do, he answered, "I would like to direct the policies of some large organization."

"Do you think you are now ready for this important assignment?" I asked.

"Oh, no," he replied. "I am sure that it would take me a year or two."

We can't really be proud of our work until we can see the beauty and utility, and significance of it. A man who has pride in his job

brings to it a sparkle and content, a fullness of expression, a quality of performance, a true enthusiasm. Pride sustains high ethical conduct, denies meanness and short weight. A man with pride is less interested in getting ahead of others, more interested in getting ahead of himself.

The third postulate is *dimension*. Most of us work for pay. There is no choice; we work or we don't eat, at least not very well. Pressures and tensions inevitably develop in such a work relationship, and if our lives are limited to it, we are thin indeed. We broaden when we engage in family responsibilities. We work not just for ourselves, but for our families.

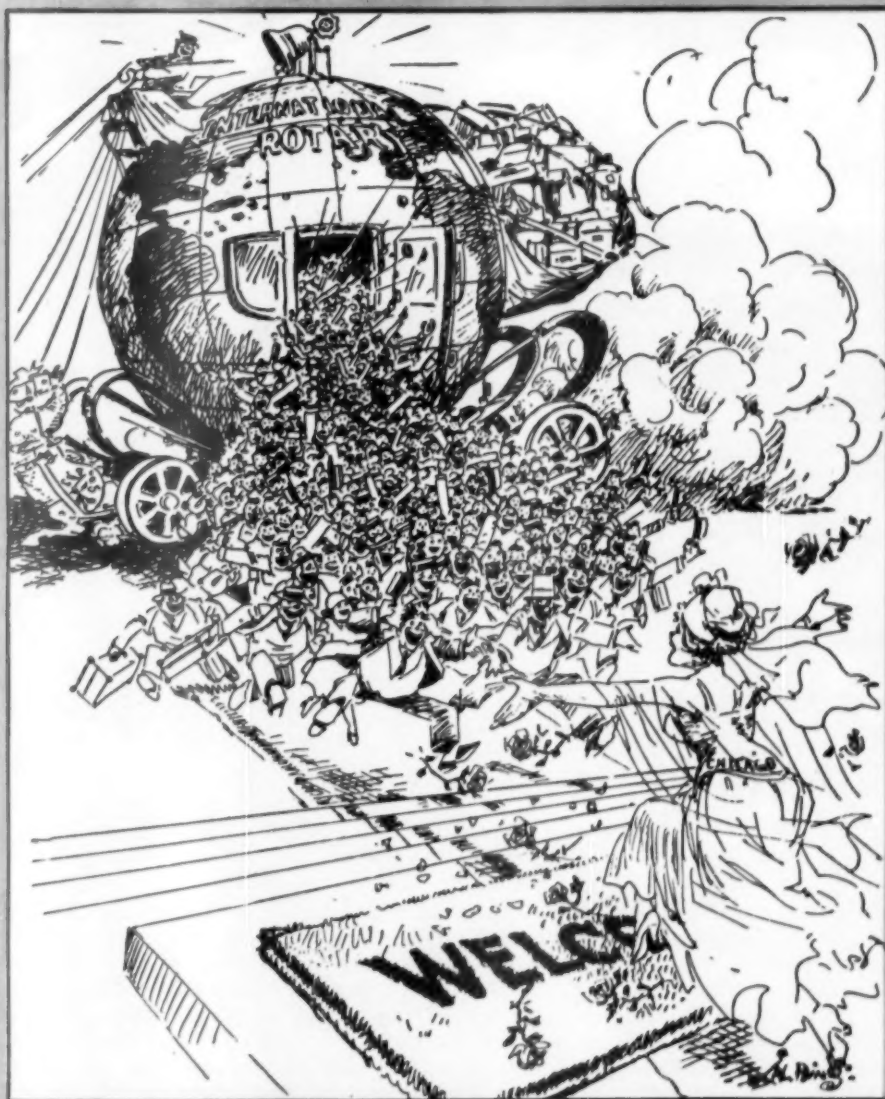
We broaden yet another degree when we enter activities of the community—the school, church, synagogue, library, government, the Rotary Club. Here there is opportunity for creativity, for the development of the rounded person.

The scientist tells us, if I understand him, that the "fourth dimension" is the space occupied by three-dimensional figures with the passage of time. We can work toward achieving a sort of fourth dimension in our lives in the form of devotion to task. We set high goals for ourselves. In seeking to reach them we grow, and having reached them we see new goals beyond.

There we have three postulates of Vocational Service: *work*, *pride*, and *dimension*. When we bring them to bear on our work, we do not need a detailed definition of Vocational Service. It finds a place beyond definition in everything we do.

 **EDITORIAL**

## WELCOME



**O**VER the welcome mat and under a hail of roses, Dame Chicago rushes to greet her world-wide Rotary progeny. A prophecy for the Golden Anniversary Convention next month? In a way, yes. Actually, the drawing was inked in 1930 by the famed U. S. cartoonist J. N. ("Ding") Darling for Rotary's 25th Anniversary Convention in the Windy City. Yet the graphic message remains fresh: the natal city is proud; the joyful guests are on their way; and the largest and most cosmopolitan of Rotary reunions will fill the days of May 29-June 2 in the place where Founder Paul Harris and his friends started it all just 50 years ago.



# THE NEW WAY in the

The peaceful development of the Western Hemisphere

is 'one of the great events of our times.'

**By CARLOS DAVILA**

*Secretary General, Organization of American States*

**J**UST 32 years ago I helped eight of my friends organize the Rotary Club of Santiago in my country, Chile. It is now the largest Spanish-speaking Rotary Club in the whole world.

Why did I help to found that Club? The answer has something to do with a day we shall celebrate this month: Pan American Day. I was attracted by the idea of seeking international understanding through our *individual selves*. Rotary's way of going at international understanding—going at it with no Governments, no treaties, no diplomats, no armed forces—this was something new, at least in modern times. It was also new to seek understanding by bringing men of different nations but like vocations together. I thought it almost revolutionary to establish friendly links between industrialists and merchants in Santiago and their counterparts in Washington or Rangoon. "But why not?" I wondered. "Notwithstanding the differences that separate them, they may really be closer than the man who lives next door."

It may surprise you, but that is also the way of

the Organization of American States. We think together, the people of our 21 republics. And we are working, really, the Rotary way. This work radiates from the central offices in Washington, D. C., branching out to no fewer than 600 specialized agencies, institutes, commissions, and committees at work all over the hemisphere. Our shared work deals with social welfare, scientific research, highways, navigation, banking, agriculture, medicine, business, industry, commerce, studies of art and literature, and even Indian affairs, folklore, and handicrafts.

We hear too little about these activities which constitute 90 percent of the task of the Organization of American States. The other 10 percent is the part which hits the front page. There is a certain fatality about this condition. The things that make news are generally ones that build less. Latin America has been a casualty all over the world in this respect. We read so little about the upsurge in our countries during the last quarter of the century. And yet it is one of the great events of our times, in

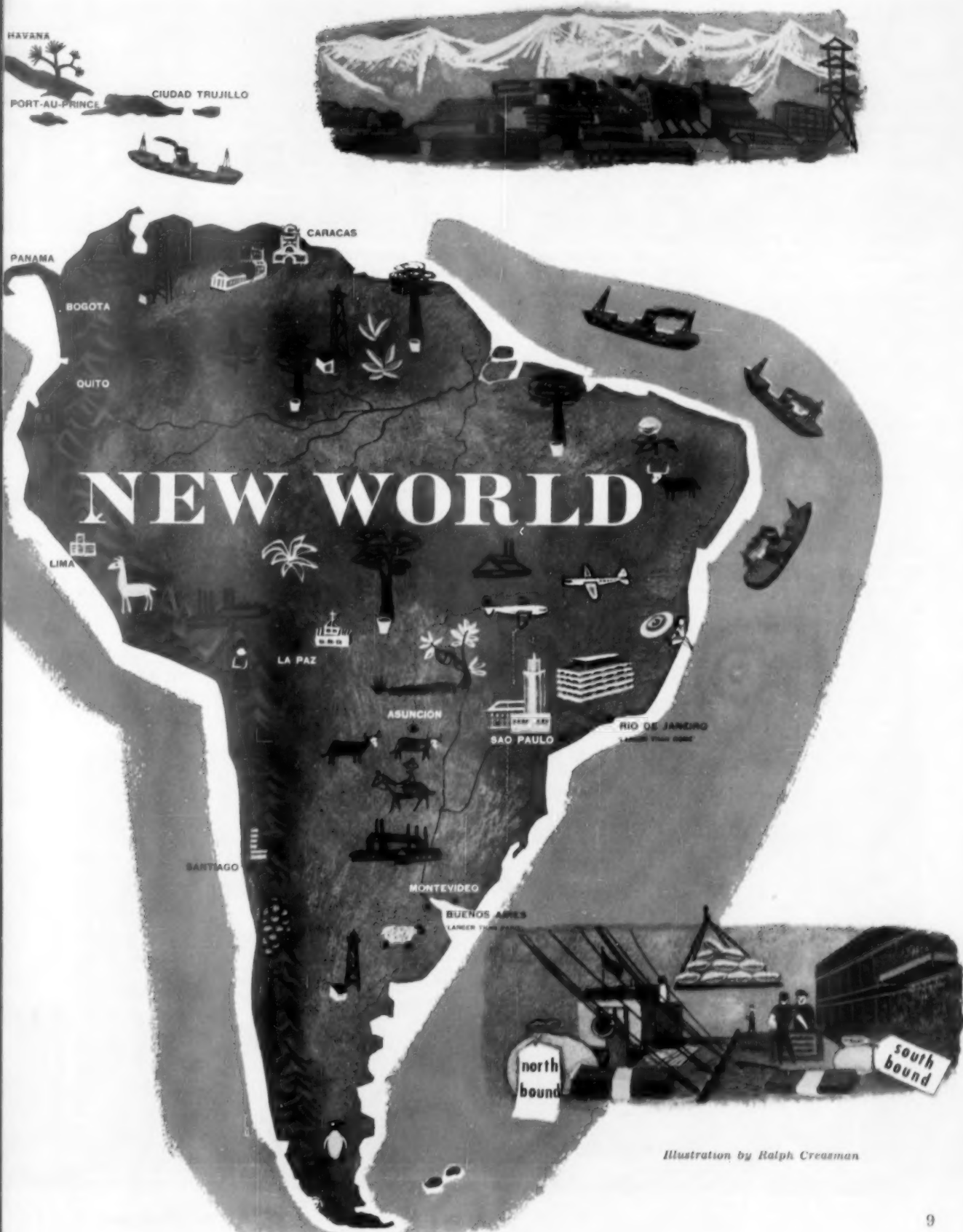


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my opinion. Let us, then, examine some particulars.

*The population of the Ibero-American republics is growing twice as fast as that of any other area on earth. It has just passed the 171-million mark, considerably greater than the population of the United States. The birth rate of Latin America is also increasing—at three times the rate of increase in the United States, and far above any other part of the globe.*

The import capacity of Latin America grew 70 percent in the last eight years alone; industrial production increased 66 percent. No wonder that Latin America is now on a par with Canada as the Number One customer of the United States. No wonder, too, that it is the largest area for U. S. investments abroad. In fact, these U. S. investments have doubled since the last world war, reaching a total of 8 billion dollars.

Yet this economic explosion in Latin America is such that U. S. investments—large as they are—look negligible in comparison with the sum total of all investments in Latin America. In the last four years, investments in these countries have been running at a rate of *4½ billion dollars a year*. Of that sum, both public and private investments of the United States have amounted to *less than 9 percent*.

To that interesting fact, add this one: during the same four-year period the total flow of cash dollars from Latin America to the United States has been *100 million dollars a year larger than the flow of dollars from the United States to Latin America—every year*. This is a paradox, but it is a fact. And so are these bits of information, even though they be crowded from the newspapers by more "exciting" news.

- Buenos Aires is now larger than Paris.
- Rio de Janeiro is larger than Rome.
- Mexico City is larger than Madrid.

Had you imagined that the heaviest air traffic between any two cities in the world is today between Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo?

These countries with greater resources than the United States are now on the march, and nothing can stop them. Capital from abroad may help—but will not be indispensable. Those countries want neither gift nor grant. They invite their neighbors—good neighbors—to participate as partners in the grandest economic adventure of many centuries. These dramatic, if hardly noticed, events are affecting fundamentally the future of the whole world.

In this generation we have seen war disappearing from the American continent. *I am certain that there will be no more wars between the American nations.*

That is one of the greatest achievements in the history of mankind, and one of the most promising for the world at large. It did not come without effort. The labor, the patience, and the goodwill of many able men were invested in the ideal of a hemispheric organization long before that day—April 14, 1890—when diplomats resolved to create the Pan American Union. Nor did this resolution end the matter. Throughout 65 years, hard work has gone into our waging of peace.

Today the Organization of American States—for that has been its name since 1948—is the oldest organization of its kind in existence. It is "a model for the world," as Dr. Milton Eisenhower states in his recent Dallas, Texas, speech. There is no difference in the Organization of American States between the vote of the powerful and the vote of the powerless. It has lived up to the purpose of its life.

It seems to me that Rotarians, sharing such sentiments, may well take pleasure this Pan American Day in our new way in the New World.



*New road for a new era. This is the President Dutra Highway between Brazil's two great cities, Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo.*



# CHESS— THEY CALL IT A GAME

*It has 100 million players from India to Iceland.*

**By JOSEPH PHILLIPS**

**T**O 9 million players in the United States and well over 100 million elsewhere across the earth, no game of skill or chance can match the fascination of chess. Possibly the oldest game in existence, and perhaps the only one that can be played between two people who do not understand a word of each other's tongue, chess has withstood 1,500 years of time, persecution, and changing fads. Today it is played from the Arctic Circle to the Falkland Islands, from The Philippines to Iceland, wherever men take pride in their ability to think.

Contrary to popular notion, chess is easy to learn. But on the championship level it demands energy, stamina, and determination. Many players who failed to get into good physical condition have been reduced to tears, the shakes, or a temporary nervous breakdown by the body-exhausting, nerve-stretching mill of tournament competition.

The basic moves can be learned in an hour. Conceived to show the maneuvers of ancient warfare, the game is a battle between two armies, each headed by a king and his queen. Reflecting the era in which the game first developed,

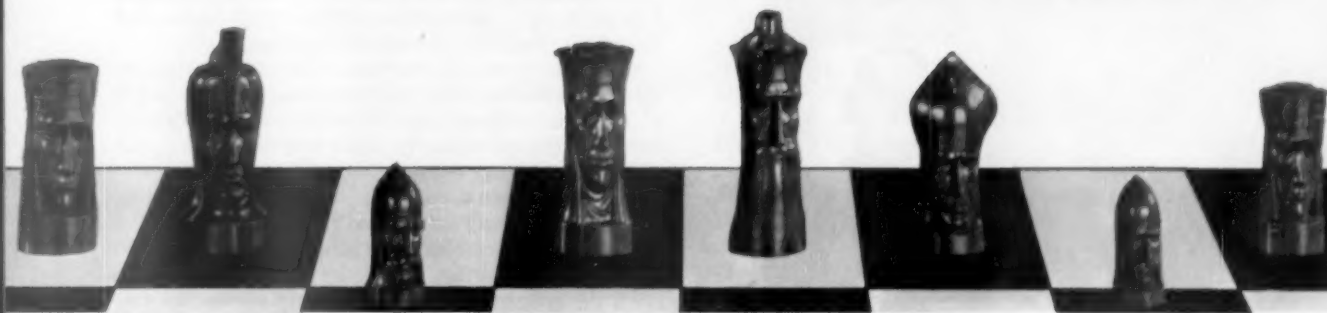
there are two bishops, two knights, two castles (rooks), and eight pawns. The king may move one square in any direction and capture any opponent piece occupying that square, provided it is not protected by the opponent's men. The queen can go to any square on a horizontal, vertical, or diagonal line until it meets another piece; and if that piece belongs to the enemy, the queen will capture it. A bishop moves only on a diagonal line up to a point

where its path is blocked. The knights move two squares forward and one to the side—or one forward and two to the side—in simulation of a horse's gallop. A pawn moves one or two squares at first, then one always straight ahead except in capturing, when it moves diagonally one square to its right or left front. All pieces except pawns may move backward as well as forward. Objective of the game: to checkmate, or capture, [Continued on page 54]

*Russia versus the U.S.A.—on the chessboards. In New York, Soviet visitors play eight matches with their hosts in a week-long series. Note the flags at each table.*



Photos: (top) Underwood; (center) United Press; (below) Hulton-Decca



**I AM A NEWSPAPERMAN—BUT**

## **If I Were a Doctor**

**By Stuart Keale**

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There's a common quip to the point that we are all so good at solving each other's problems and so poor at our own that all we need do is exchange them. We can't, of course, but we can with benefit try to imagine ourselves in the other man's boots . . . which is what these two Canadians do, at our instance, in this debate in the Vocational Service realm.—*The Editors.*

**I AM A DOCTOR—BUT**

## **If I Were a Newspaperman**

**By T. Clarence Routley, M.D.**

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**I**F I WERE a doctor, I'd be concerned about the fact that no profession has lost as much prestige in recent years as my own.

I'd concede—as a doctor friend of mine told me recently—that “My patients still seem to love me, but they certainly don't love my profession.”

I'd realize that medicine is in danger of degenerating into a bureaucratic State service in my country as it has done in others, if I don't help to alert the public to the evils of such a system.

I'd ask myself what's happened to the old, intimate doctor-patient relationship, and why so many of the young fellows shun the hard road of the honored old G. P. in favor of the plush salons of the society doctor and the specialist.

I'd admit that some of my colleagues have grown too worldly; that too many are thinking in terms of Cadillacs, Chris-Crafts, and Cointreau rather than carcinomas, cataracts, and chicken pox.

I'd recognize that I'm not a businessman, but a community servant; and that Dr. Norman Bethune was right when he said the term “public health” was redundant: *all* health is public.

I'd remember that the little old lady I wheeled into the operating room was not a “case” but a patient; that the black bag I carry with me is a case.

I'd recall that the true definition of profession is “a willingness to serve” and that I should be humble before the axiom that “in no other act does man approach so near the gods as when he is restoring the sick to the blessing of health.”

### **DEBATE-OF-THE-MONTH    DEBATE-OF-THE-MONTH**

**I**F I were a newspaperman . . . I would try to keep it forever in mind that I am dealing with one of the most powerful forces known to mankind, that I have a singular opportunity to influence public opinion, to create goodwill or bad, to elevate or depress the moral tone of the community, and to promote world understanding and peace.

I would try to produce the perfect newspaper, knowing well that the wants and demands of my readers would have some bearing on my achievement of that Utopian goal. The measuring stick of a newspaper's success is its circulation, we are told. I would reexamine that belief. For can it be fairly argued that the newspapers with the largest circulation are the best and those with the fewest readers the poorest? I do not think so.

If I were a newspaper publisher, here is the creed I would hang over my desk as a guide for me and all my associates in the conduct of my paper:

1. *I shall print all the news that is fit to print.* But I reserve the right to determine what is news, what useful purpose can be served by its publication, its relative importance to other news, and its possible effect upon my readers.

No flaming front-page headlines garnished with sordid details shall be used to report a murder, or a sex crime, or somebody's malfeasance. Deviations of personal behavior, in their important aspects, shall be told without resort to sensationalism and

*And having thought deeply about these things, I would resolve:*

That in future I would bear in mind Sir William Osler's injunction to ask myself not only "What kind of sickness has this man?" but "What kind of man has this sickness?"

That, when I was called at 3 A.M., I would refrain from mumbling into the telephone, "Give her a sedative—I'll see her in the morning." I'd get dressed and see what I could do to help.

That I would never, never, never, stand at the foot of a patient's bed, whispering to my colleagues while casting dark glances at the sick; that my approach to him would always be cheerful, honest, and as gentle as medical candor permits.

That I would try to keep pace with new techniques and new research by attending at least one convention a year, or visiting a metropolitan hospital for postgraduate study when I felt myself getting insular or "rusty."

That I would hire the smartest nurse available to restore some routine to the chaos of my waiting room, so that each patient is examined and none left waiting when I go home.

That my fee would be determined not by my estimate of *his* ability to pay but by *my* ability, period.

That I have responsibilities as a *citizen* as well as a doctor; that I could make a worth-while contribution to Community Chest, to Rotary, to the Symphony Society, or to politics.

That I owe it to my family, my patients, and my

profession to keep in good health; and that I could best restore my perspective by scheduling myself a certain number of hours each week for golf, fishing, gardening, or reading.

And finally, to underline the aphorism "Physician, heal thyself," I'd hang on my office wall, where I could read it every day, the ancient Oath of Hippocrates:

I do solemnly swear by that which I hold most sacred:

That I will be loyal to the profession of medicine and just and generous to its members;

That I will lead my life and practice my art in uprightness and honor;

That into whatsoever house I shall enter, it shall be for the good of the sick, to the utmost of my power, I holding myself aloof from wrong, from corruption, and from the temptation of others to vice;

That I will exercise my art solely for the cure of my patients, and will give no drug, perform no operation for a criminal purpose, even if solicited, far less suggest it.

That whatsoever I shall see or hear of the lives of men which is not fitting to be spoken, I will keep unviolably secret.

These things I do promise, and in proportion as I am faithful to this my oath may happiness and good repute be ever mine—the opposite if I shall be forsworn.

In short, I would recognize—as a wise old doctor once observed—that the best public relations of all is to *do* good and *be* good!

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repulsive details. I shall never inflame or offend the sensibilities of readers I hope to reach.

2. *I shall not stir up strife* frivolously or mischievously. I shall try to remember the ease with which a well-conducted propaganda campaign in the press can influence the emotions of the readers and the Goebbels dictum that a story repeated sufficiently often and with sufficient effrontery ends by being believed by many. I shall therefore try to be objective in reporting news and resist the tendency to emotional interpretation of events.

3. *I shall try to be tolerant* in the firm belief that St. Paul's citation of the greatest of the virtues is true. I shall try to show my readers why people are behaving as they are rather than abuse them.

4. *I shall try to keep this newspaper free from the shackles of a political party.* I have a political creed, but I shall never identify it publicly with that of a party. To do so could be to bring me and this paper under party discipline and subject it to the vicissitudes of party strategy and tactics. I thus reserve the right to criticize or to approve party measures.

5. *I shall let no advertiser compromise my honesty.* I welcome advertising. I count most of it truthful and its presentation in my pages a service to the reader. Yet I reserve the right to express disapproval of any commodity advertised if in my opinion the public will be thus best served.

6. *I shall try to maintain a sense of fairness, and*

*the application of the Golden Rule in every reference to people appearing in my columns.* This paper shall never subject any individual to vilification and abuse. It shall expose villainy and evil where they exist, and it shall always deal with the good citizen as we would have him deal with us.

7. *I shall try always to make this newspaper speak plain English.* Obscure or slovenly writing is an act of discourtesy to the reader. Windy nonsense is a cloak under which a dishonest man may conceal the truth from his readers. I shall not tolerate any departure from the rule that writers for this paper shall say what they mean, and say it simply, clearly, unpedantically, without ambiguity.

8. *I shall constantly strive to operate this newspaper on the principles of the Rotary mottoes: "Service above Self—He Profits Most Who Serves Best."* I shall undertake most diligently to follow my creed, working to raise the standard of public thinking, and hoping meanwhile that the southeast corner of my balance sheet will show a profit.

I am not a newspaperman and never will be. Yet this brief excursion into the world of the newsman confirms my long belief that the newspaper profession is a truly great one. I would therefore leave the fraternity, which by and large is striving to make its contribution to world enlightenment in a spirit of wholesome coöperation with its fellowmen, with my sincere and respectful compliments.

# Congratulations!

**GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY** congratulatory messages from heads of State continue to flow in from all parts of the earth. Some were presented in THE ROTARIAN for March. Here are more. Succeeding issues will carry still others.

All thinking men recognize the moral and spiritual value of Rotary. There is indeed a wealth of meaning in the motto "Service above Self." Few there are who do not recognize the good work which is done by Rotary Clubs throughout the free world, and I send to you my best wishes on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of Rotary International."

—WINSTON CHURCHILL  
Prime Minister of England

Rotary International has played a great rôle in bringing about friendship and better understanding among the nations and, thereby, contributed to the cause of world peace. I wish to congratulate the Rotarians all over the world for the untiring and successful efforts they have made in this regard.

—ICHIRO HATOYAMA  
Prime Minister of Japan

In this, its Golden Anniversary Year, Rotary can look back on its contribution to human and international relationships with a deep and abiding satisfaction. The principle of liberty of the individual on which Rotary is founded is also the basic concept of true democracy. And upon courageous democracy depends the future of mankind.

—R. G. MENZIES  
Prime Minister of Australia

... I hope that the next half of the century will see the Rotary work grow considerably yet.

—PRINCE RAINIER  
Principality of Monaco

In the name of the French Republic and the French Union, I address to Rotary International at

the dawn of its second half century my most cordial wishes that its beneficent work may continue, be amplified, and thus help people to understand each other better and to enjoy a more fruitful coöperation.

—RENE COTY  
President of France

The advancement of understanding between all the peoples of the world, which is the cherished goal of Rotarians, would, I have no doubt, bring about a world fellowship—a consummation to be devoutly wished for by everyone.

—RAJENDRA PRASAD  
President of India

During the last 50 years the goal of brotherhood and peace among the peoples of the world which inspires the Rotary movement has had wide acceptance in Brazil, where there are today over 300 Rotary Clubs. ... I am sure I express this same feeling of brotherhood and peace on which is based the Brazilian nation.

—JOÃO CAFÉ FILHO  
President of Brazil

... the influence for good of Rotary International and kindred organizations is one of the reasons for hope and optimism. ... May you live 10,000 years!

—SYNGMAN RHEE  
President of the Republic of Korea

Only those who understand the meaning of the new forces which are appearing on the stage of history will be able to tie with indissoluble bonds the present to the past in the sign of the new ideals. The message of Paul Harris is therefore still acting and valid.

—GAETANO MARTINO  
Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs

As an honorary member of the three Rotary Clubs in Kenya I have been in touch with their activities and have admired and valued the services rendered to the community by Rotarians, who take the lead in national and civic

affairs and in every movement for the welfare of the people.

—SIR EVELYN BARING  
Governor of Kenya

From a modest start in Chicago the movement has reached nearly 90 countries, a sure proof of its noble achievements. ... The people of Israel fully identify themselves with the ideals of Rotary.

—I. BEN-ZVI  
President of Israel

The significance of the Rotary movement in the world and its growth also in our small country proves how much its aims are appreciated. It is at the same time an expression of the growing feeling for the importance of international coöperation.

—W. DREES  
Prime Minister of The Netherlands

Surely there is something in Rotary which enables it to attain such a great expansion within a very limited period of time. The secret is that Rotary is built on service ... to your friends ... your business or profession ... to your community ... to the cause of peace and tranquillity.

—P. PIBULSONGRAM  
President of the Council of Ministers of Thailand

In Malaya I believe that Rotary has played a significant part in helping to bring men and women of all communities together in friendship and in promoting greater understanding. ...

—SIR DONALD MACGILLIVRAY  
High Commissioner for Malaya

Rotary goes strong in the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland. ... May it be the means of extending "Service above Self" even more widely in the world.

—LORD LLEWELLIN  
Governor General of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland

At no time in history has the world stood in greater need of the high standards for which Rotary stands. ...

—A. F. ABELL  
Governor of Sarawak

# Meet Mr. Zest

*Banker, teacher, newspaperman, poet, David Guyton  
sees life as a great adventure and lives it that way.*



*Folks say life is full of sadness,  
Full of fetters and defeat;  
But to me it brims with gladness,  
Blends its goodness with its badness  
Mingles wisdom with its madness  
Life to me is mighty sweet*

**T**HE MAN who wrote those lyrical lines has written thousands of others for newspapers, books, magazines, friends, and his wife, Corinne—but poetry is not his business. No, by trade David Edgar Guyton is a banker, teacher, newspaper columnist, and civic doer whose zest for this state called life is so infinite that it bursts out in all directions. Verse is just one of these, but he has burst out in it so often and so well as to rank as one of the best known, best loved poets of Mississippi and the U. S. South.

Now let's start this over and a little more slowly. Just who is this David Guyton? Well, ask anybody in his town of Blue Mountain, Mississippi (pop 740), and your answer will be: "Dave Guyton? You don't know him? Why, he's our leading citizen. . . . He's president and board chairman of the Bank of Blue Mountain. . . . He's a correspondent to the *Memphis Commercial Appeal* and the *Jackson Daily News*. . . . He turns out a weekly feature called *Neighborhood News* for the *Southern Sentinel* that is read all over the South and may be up North, too. . . . He's a professor emeritus up at Blue Mountain College, where he has helped put a couple of generations of the South's finest young women in touch with history, economics, and the art of living. Dave Guyton? Why, he's our *Who's Who* man. He's been in that book for years."

Or some Tuesday motor through the piney hills the six miles to Ripley, Mississippi, and ask the fellows gathered for their Rotary meeting in the Hotel

Freeman about Dave Guyton. They may very possibly point out that "That, uh, is Dave Guyton up there at the speaker's table. He's Golden Anniversary Chairman for our whole District. He has gone personally to 20 of the 36 Clubs in the District and has all of them all fired up about the Anniversary and the big Convention in Chicago. Of course, Dave knows all these Clubs like the back of his hand—he was District Governor in 1951-52, and he got to every one of them."

Is it important to tell you now that this man we write of—this hearty, friendly, brainy, busy man of 75 years—is blind? If so, let it be said that he is blind, optically, and has been since he was 12. But one of his little students named Norma, who was his 46th reader, said it for thousands when she said in the college paper, "I long for the vision he has, for that implicit trust in the goodness of the 'life beautiful.'" And there must be legions who, after a little visit with Dave, have suddenly realized that the man said, "I see you're looking fit this morning," and feeling that he really had seen

**I**T WAS an accident in a store on the Guyton plantation that left young David sightless. He'd been attending a one-room school where one of his classmates was pretty little Corinne O'Neal Rogers from a neighboring plantation; years later they were to wed, she to guide his steps with her hand on sleeve and to pace his thinking with her own highly active mind up to this present day. But now at 12 the one-room school days were over for Dave, as were so many other things. So came three years in a State school for the blind, then a year with a tutor—and then enrollment in that little college on the hill, Blue Mountain. By digging into Braille, by



*Past District Governor David E. Guyton,  
of Mississippi, cheerful man of many parts.*

using student "readers," Dave "took" Blue Mountain handily, being not only the only blind man ever to graduate from it, but the only man—up to that time it was and is a girls' school, remember?

Nothing, he now knew, could keep him from getting all the education he felt he needed; in the next years he studied at the Universities of Chicago and Mississippi and at Columbia (his "master's" is from that mighty institution on Manhattan). Then it was back to his little alma mater in Blue Mountain to start a teaching career that only partly closed when he retired in 1951. His newspapering, his poetry, his banking, his public affairs, his telegraphy, his men's Bible class that meets every Sunday morning in the tiny local railroad station, his 100 and 1 other side lines—all came along in the bright-flowering years.

And honors—scores have flowed to him: medals from organizations for the blind, "write-ups" in great newspapers and magazines and Ripley's *Believe It or Not*, an honorary colonelcy on the staff of Mississippi's then Governor Fielding Wright.

Herbert J. Taylor, of Chicago, is President of Rotary International this year and, as thousands know, he developed the Four-Way Test of human behavior. "Herb" also has written a citizenship score card which anyone anywhere can use on himself. If you were to ask "Herb" what one person in his acquaintance might score highest on that test, "Herb" might just possibly answer—in fact, he once did—"Why, now, that's pretty hard to say . . . but, say, did you ever meet Dave Guyton from Mississippi? Dave's a blind man, and. . . ."

**T**HE first Rotary Club was founded in Chicago in 1905. The second was founded in San Francisco, California, late in 1908. During the next seven years Rotary expanded to 186 Clubs, located in six English-speaking countries. By the end of the second decade, Rotary had encircled the globe with a total of more than 2,000 Clubs, with a membership in excess of 107,000 scattered throughout more than 30 nations. As has been pointed out in the second article of this series, "It was during the second decade that the relative rate of growth in number of Clubs, and their membership, was the highest in Rotary history."

Despite differences in languages, customs, religions, and forms of Government, Rotary, by 1926, had proved its adaptability to the daily lives of its individual members and to the widely diversified economic and social patterns of the 2,000 communities in which these members conducted their businesses and professions. By the end of the second decade Rotary had, in fact, become in 30 countries a common denominator in human relations.

The movement continued to grow in its third decade to a total of 4,000 Clubs in 80 countries or geographical regions. One of the most remarkable things about this phenomenal growth was its spon-

taneity. It was the outcome of the voluntary efforts of its members and not the product of paid organizers.

Most notable were the services of Rotarians who served as Honorary General Commissioners. In 1921 two prominent Canadians made the long voyage to Australia and New Zealand to establish the first Rotary Clubs in those countries. In 1928 one of them undertook an extended trip to the Near and the Far East which lasted nearly three years. The following appraisal of his services is taken from the Rotary International President's report at the 1929 Convention (Dallas):

Honorary General Commissioner Davidson left his home last August on this undertaking for Rotary and is not expected to return until this coming October. He has travelled many thousands of miles and has shown in innumerable ways his wonderful ability as a representative of Rotary International to countries in which Rotary is not yet known. He has visited Turkey, Greece, Egypt, Palestine, India, Ceylon, and many other countries of the Old World and through his tireless efforts, splendid Rotary Clubs have been inaugurated in Greece, Egypt, Palestine, and India. Although no Club was formed in Turkey, the seed he planted there will undoubtedly bring results later on. The difficulties which had to be overcome are too numerous and varied to describe here. Political, religious, and national influences have presented con-

## ROTARY down the Decades: III

### 1926-35

*After the first 20 sprouting years, the organization got 'growing pains' . . . hopped the frontiers of 44 lands . . . learned to write letters in 12 languages . . . held its first Conventions in non-English-speaking cities . . . met stern criticism . . . mulled economic facts of life . . . and learned how to integrate a world-wide movement. Here's the story—third in a series—of another exciting ten-year span, as Rotary met its modern challenges.*

**By ALMON E. ROTH**

*President of Rotary International, 1930-31; Rotarian, San Francisco, Calif.*

*Pretty maids model regal clothing and horses pull elaborate floats down the bricked streets of Ostend, Belgium, as Rotary holds its first Convention on the Continent of Europe in 1927. Never before had Rotarians convened in a city where English was not the mother tongue. The Belgians smoothed the new internationalism with all the hospitality of this seaside resort.*



Davidson's trip was extended and resulted in Clubs in Burma, Malay States, Java, Thailand, and Hong Kong before he returned home in 1931.

For lack of a better phrase, these obstacles to Rotary's growth, and the problems incident thereto, will be referred to as "Rotary's growing pains." By and large, these "aches and pains" were not peculiar to the third decade of Rotary's history. They have challenged the attention of the Secretariat and each succeeding Board of Directors of Rotary International since the beginning of Rotary's spectacular growth. Some of the problems herein referred to have been solved, and others merely minimized. This

One of the greatest deterrents to the growth and the administration of any widespread international organization is the difference in the languages of its constituent races. Even when all its Clubs were from English-speaking countries, Rotary was confronted with this problem in a minor degree. Many Past Directors of Rotary International will recall discussions between British and American Rotarians, who presumably speak and write the same language, over the fine shades of meaning of English words. A Rotarian of Edinburgh, Scotland, could hardly understand the English language as spoken by a Rotarian of Oklahoma, U.S.A., and vice versa. By the beginning of the third decade Rotary's literature was being translated into more than a dozen different languages. Today the literature of Rotary is being translated into at least 30 languages.

The vast majority of Rotary Clubs throughout the world have adopted a Standard Constitution. This process has involved not only the original translation from English into other languages, but a recheck of the translated version back into English, to determine whether the true content of the Standard





*In Vienna, banners brighten the proceedings. The gay Viennese were lavish hosts for the second Continental Convention in 1931, held during the author's Presidential tenure. Here are Rotarians from many lands meeting in a richly furnished room to present their standards.*

Constitution had been altered in the course of its translation. The following story, whether accurate or not, will illustrate the difficulties involved in such a process: It is said that when the motto of Rotary, "He Profits Most Who Serves Best," was translated into another language and then retranslated back into English, it read: not "He Profits Most Who Serves Best," but: "He Gets It Best Who Gets It First."

To solve the problems involved in the translation of Rotary's literature into many languages, special local translation committees in the various countries were authorized in 1926, their work to be subject to approval by the international Board. As a result of the work of these and subsequent translation committees, the difficulties of translation were greatly minimized.

Even so, during the year 1930-31 the problems arising out of the differences of language became quite acute. Some of the Clubs in Europe were complaining of the "flood of English literature emanating from Chicago, U.S.A." It was charged that Rotary "was attempting to Anglicize the world by the distribution of its literature in the English language." It was pointed out that the conduct of Rotary's area Conferences and international Conventions, in the English language alone, was minimizing the effectiveness of such gatherings. To meet these objections, the following steps were taken:

A truly international Translation Committee composed of representatives from five different nations was appointed finally to expedite the presentation of Rotary literature in various languages.

At the 1931 Convention (Vienna) it was determined that the official languages of Rotary Conventions thereafter should be English and French, and the language of the country in which the Convention was being held. In Vienna the official languages, therefore, were English, French, and German. In Havana and Mexico City they were English, French, and Spanish.

In the Rotary year 1932-33, REVISTA ROTARIA, the Spanish-language edition of THE ROTARIAN, was in-

augurated and was warmly welcomed by both Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking Rotarians.

At the 1932 International Assembly (Victoria) the multilingual method of translations of speeches, over earphones, simultaneously with their delivery, was for the first time employed with great success. The use of such a system made history, for it has since become the standard method of conducting international gatherings by many organizations, including the United Nations.

Many Rotarians have felt that the use of an auxiliary universal language, such as Esperanto, would be a potent factor in promoting international fellowship and understanding. There have been numerous discussions at international Conventions concerning the advisability of having such a movement officially sponsored by Rotary.

At the 1930 Convention (Chicago) one of the topics discussed at the Assembly on Suggested Future Legislation was "The Teaching of a Universal Language to Our Children As a Solution of the Language Barrier and Its Relation to the Sixth Object of Rotary."

At the 1931 Convention (Vienna) a Resolution was passed to request the International Service Committee to investigate what auxiliary language is most practical, and to investigate further the best course by which Rotary should proceed to effect the adoption of such language.

At the 1932 Convention (Seattle) the Secretary of Rotary International reported as follows:

With regard to a universal auxiliary language, the Secretariat has, at the instruction of the Board of Directors, undertaken a study of the advantages and disadvantages of Esperanto and other existing auxiliary languages such as Ido, Basic English, et al. It was found that the opinions of various prominent students of the question disagree so diametrically that a compilation of reasons for and against any of the existing artificial languages would be extremely confusing to any layman. Consequently, only slight progress can be recorded in the making of such a compilation.

Despite the great interest in the adoption of an auxiliary universal language, Rotary International

has never officially adopted the promotion of this project as one of its objectives because it has not seemed practicable to do so. One European Rotarian facetiously remarked that he knew from personal experience that Esperanto was an easy language, because he and his wife had learned it in six months—and forgotten it in three weeks.

It must be granted that the language barrier is a serious deterrent to the development of international understanding. Rotary's rapid growth and universal acceptance, despite this barrier, are two of its greatest achievements.

Differences in religion have not proved an insurmountable obstacle to the growth of Rotary nor interfered with fellowship in individual Rotary Clubs. The religious faith of an individual Rotarian has never been a criterion to eligibility in Rotary membership. Jewish, Catholic, Protestant, Buddhist, Mohammedan, and men of other faiths have mingled freely at Rotary meetings and engaged jointly in the activities of individual Clubs. On the other hand, the opposition to Rotary expressed by some Roman Catholic publications and by some members of the hierarchy in some countries did during this period become a matter of deep concern to Rotary.

Despite such criticism and misunderstanding, Rotary Clubs have prospered in many countries in which Catholicism is the predominant religion. The leaders of Rotary always have felt that if the Roman Catholic Church and the editors of its publications were fully informed about Rotary's underlying philosophy and its objectives, any misunderstandings would be quickly dissolved. With this objective in mind, the Rotary International President of the year 1928-29, himself a Catholic, went to Rome and conferred with high authorities of the Church. While these efforts were helpful in relieving the then existing tensions, they did not result in a final solution.

During the year 1930-31 an incident occurred which illustrates the restraint which Rotary has exercised in dealing with this problem. A few days before the first Regional Conference for Europe and Africa was to open, the Committee in charge received from Rotarians of two European countries a protest against the presence on the Conference program of an Episcopalian clergyman from Leeds, England. It



"Most notable," says the author, "were the services of Rotarians who served as Honorary General Commissioners." At left is J. Layton Ralston; at right, James W. Davidson. These two distinguished Canadians, travelling as voluntary and unpaid organizers, took Rotary to Australia, New Zealand, and other lands. Mrs. Davidson wrote a book about this far-flung work.



Rotary's silver-birthday cake, baked in Chicago for the 1930 Convention, is cut by Silvester Schiele, the first President of the first Rotary Club. Note the 25 candles decking the second tier.

was claimed that the appearance of an Episcopalian clergyman on the Conference program would prove that Rotary was anti-Roman Catholic. The President of Rotary International dispatched a reply which, in essence, read as follows: "If the premise that the presence of an Episcopalian clergyman on the program indicates that Rotary is anti-Catholic, then by the same token the presence on the program of a Roman Catholic priest will prove that Rotary is pro-Roman Catholic. Send us a priest and we will put him on the program." The challenge was accepted and a Roman Catholic priest appeared before the Conference and delivered a most entertaining talk on the use of Esperanto as an auxiliary language.

Following the 1931 Convention (Vienna), articles hostile to Rotary again appeared in the official publications of the Vatican. Through the good offices of a Rotary International Director of Italy the matter of Rotary's relationship to the Roman Catholic Church was taken up [Continued on page 49]

● EDITORS' NOTE: The Presidents of Rotary International during this period were: Donald A. Adams (New Haven), Harry H. Rogers (San Antonio), Arthur H. Sapp (Huntington, Indiana), I. B. Sutton (Tampico, Mexico), M. Eugene Newsom (Durham, North Carolina), Almon E. Roth (Palo Alto, California), Sydney W. Pascall (London), Clinton P. Anderson (Albuquerque), John Nelson (Montreal), Robert E. Lee Hill (Columbia, Missouri), Ed. R. Johnson (Roanoke).



# TIME

# EXPOSURE

*Six days before Rotary began, the author opened a studio to photograph celebrities. Here are 50 years of lively Harris memoirs.*

**By GEORGE W. HARRIS**

*Famed American Photographer;  
Rotarian, Washington, D. C.*

**A** VOLCANO got me into the picture business, I guess. In 1900 Andrew Lawrence, of the San Francisco *Examiner*, assigned me to photograph the eruption of the Hawaiian volcano Mauna Loa. It didn't really erupt—it just boiled over. But I got some pictures of it and returned to San Francisco.

The day I got back Lawrence was in a rage. He had telegraphed five photographers in Washington, D. C., for a Senator's photograph. No results. "Any young fellow," he told me, "could build up a splendid business in Washington if he could keep this idea in mind: just let the newspapers know that if he didn't have the photograph they wanted, he'd get it."

I thought about that idea. And on February 17, 1905—just six days before Paul Harris started the world's first Rotary Club—I started something myself. With my business partner, Mrs. Martha Ewing, I opened the doors of a studio in the capital of the United States. It was seven years before I became a Rotarian. Still, for me, this year 1955 is a double Golden Anniversary.

Not long after Harris & Ewing opened shop, I was summoned to the White House by President Theodore Roosevelt. Could I, the President wanted to know, make a picture of his Cabinet in session? I didn't know, and told him so. After all, nobody had ever successfully photographed a Cabinet session before—small room, not much light.

"What!" roared Teddy Roosevelt. "You the greatest photographer in America"—I wasn't then—"and you say you can't do it? Harris, say 'Yes,' you can make anything in photography and then find a way to do it."

That became my motto, then and ever since. Between my nervousness (it was my first "big-man job") and my interest in the Cabinet meeting, I nearly forgot to take the photograph. After half an hour the President turned to me and asked, "Have you made the photographs?"



*In 1908 this 'phone call interrupted Wm. Howard Taft during a Harris portrait date.*



*While Mr. Taft spoke, George Harris took these photographs, recording expressions...*



*...changing serious to jovial. The call came from the President, Theodore Roosevelt...*



*...and brought the news that Mr. Taft was his party's nominee for U. S. President.*

"Yes," I lied, "but I want to make a few more." Then I went to work. I took the first satisfactory pictures of a Cabinet meeting in session—and became the first outsider ever to sit through a complete session.

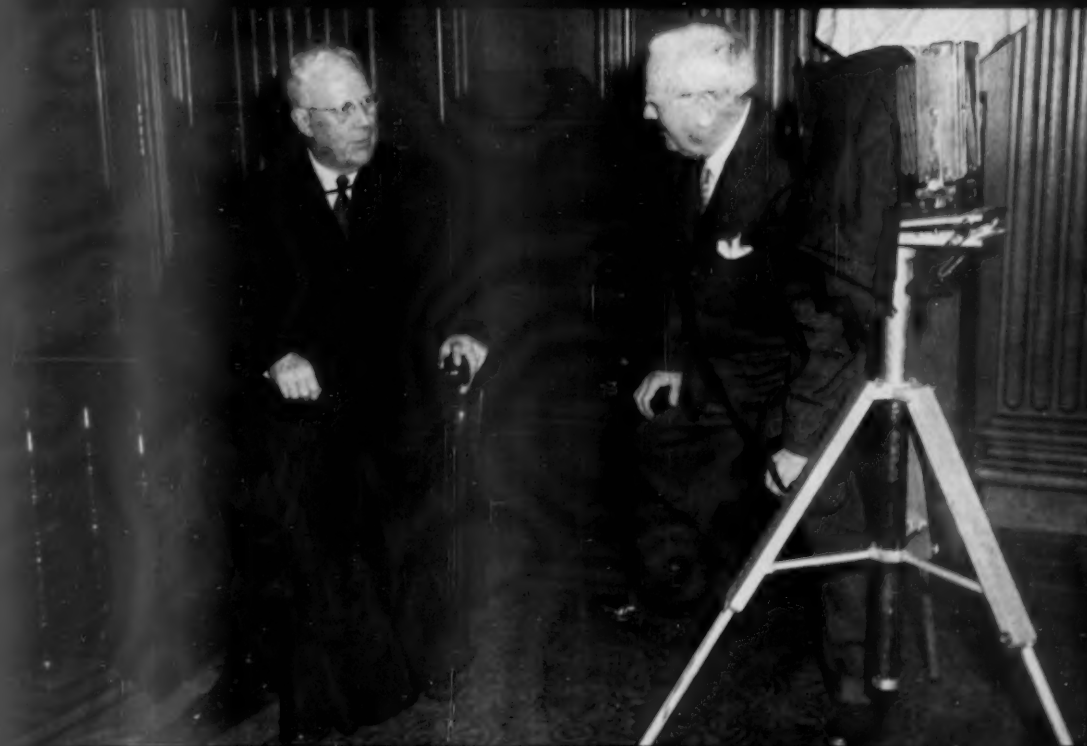
Prominently in that Cabinet picture is the figure of the Secretary of War, William Howard Taft. One day Mr. Taft called me to his office to make some new portraits of him. When I had made quite a number, he was called to the phone, and while he was talking I made a series of five more photographs of him. He started off seriously, then smiled, then laughed. That series of photos recorded two kinds of history: I'm told they were the world's first candid photographs. They also recorded the expression of a man learning that he was his party's nominee for President. Giving Mr. Taft this news, on the other end of the connection, was President Roosevelt!

Theodore Roosevelt was probably the most dynamic man I ever photographed. William Howard Taft was probably the jolliest. But for information I never met the equal of the British statesman Arthur James Balfour. He was visiting Washington and I had an appointment with him at 11:30 one morning. I set up my equipment in his house and began to wait for Mr. Balfour. I had a long wait: 1 o'clock came, 1:30. At a few minutes before 2, a



*Opening the present Washington quarters of Harris & Ewing, President Coolidge (center) poses with Colonel Starling and the author (at right). Mr. Coolidge had told George Harris, "You name the time," for the photographic appointment.*

Photos: Harris & Ewing



*In active retirement, Rotarian George Harris keeps in practice. Here he poses his friend Chief Justice Earl Warren.*



*George Harris photographed the Theodore Roosevelt Cabinet in 1906 for the first successful Cabinet pictures. Note light-reflecting sheets (at left).*

big man walked up to me and said, "What can I do for you, young man?"

"Well," I said, "you can go in there and tell that d— Balfour that I have been waiting two hours to see him!"

"Why don't you go to work?"

"You aren't Mr. Balfour!" I said.

"I am," he said quietly.

I made eight photographs of him in about ten minutes, so my helper told me, and then I thanked him for the time he gave me and apologized for being so rude.

"Did you make my photographs without my knowing it?" he asked. I told him I had. "How many did you make?"

"Eight," I replied.

"My gracious," he said, "come over to England and show them how to make photographs fast!" Then he grabbed me by the arm and told me some of his experiences as a young man when he visited a family ranch in Texas. Later, when I went to Paris to cover the Peace Conference, I renewed his acquaintance.

That, of course, is another story. I went with President and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson to take a complete set of photographs of the delegates to the Paris Conference. While I was there the Russian revolutionary Nicolay Lenin sent word that he wanted to meet with a delegation on the Russian Island of Prinkipo. The trouble was no one in Paris seemed to know where the island was. Admiral Grayson sent me to the British to find out. I contacted quite a number of men until finally Lloyd George told me to go and see Mr. Balfour because "he knows everything."

When I met Balfour, he said, "Oh, you're the photographer who made my picture so quickly in Washington."

And then he fired a hundred questions at me until I stopped him and said, "Mr. Balfour, I came to ask you a question, not to answer them."

"Oh," he said. "What do you want to know?"

"Where is the Island of Prinkipo?" He took me to a large globe and showed me that it was in the Sea of Marmora, off Constantinople. I got the information in time for the delegation to catch their train for Prinkipo.

The Paris Conference, of course, was exciting. I'll never forget the day that the Prime Minister of France, Georges Clemenceau, suddenly appeared at the American press room. He walked right in and addressed us in English. "I am very happy over your being here," he said. "You know, I lived in America from 1870 to 1878." He told us about his experiences in the U.S.A. "So you see," he concluded, "I know your country very well and I have always admired it. Good day, gentlemen. I'm a Frenchman, and I will not speak English again to you." And he didn't.

The British Prime Minister, David Lloyd George, was a lot more approachable. I had a five-minute appointment with him, but when he learned that, like him, I was a Welshman, he kept me for two hours of fine conversation.

Naturally, when I returned to Washington from Paris, my collection of famous portraits was a large one. And in the following years I added to it. And each time I took a picture of a famous person, I collected another story or two. King Albert of the Belgians told me about his youthful experiences as a reporter on the staff of the *New York Times*. A portrait of Arabia's Prince Feisal brought me a letter of thanks from the dashing Colonel Lawrence or T. B. Shaw.

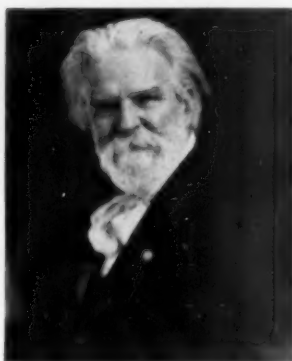
My most interesting royal subject was the Prince of Wales, later King Edward VIII and now the Duke of Windsor. I had an appointment to take his picture during a visit to Washington. He was staying at the Belmont mansion, which I had photographed before, so I knew just the place for the best lighting. That's where I set up the equipment.

But when the Prince came downstairs, he went



*The Prince of Wales, now Duke of Windsor, was "most interesting young man" to come before Harris camera.*

*Rotarian Harris' favorite portrait is this likeness of the poet Edwin Markham.*



to another room. When I suggested that the light was not too good, his aide said, "No! You can't order him around!" But the Prince heard the conversation and said, "The photographer knows where the best pictures are made. I will go where he wants me." He did.

President Coolidge went even further than that. He was one of Washington's greatest window shop-

pers; he always knew what was going on. Once when I went to the White House to show him proofs, he asked me when my new building would be finished. I was amazed that he knew Harris & Ewing was to get new quarters, and I told him so. "Oh, I keep up with you, young fellow," he said.

Getting up my courage, I said, "Mr. President, why don't you be my first sitter in the new building? It opens Monday."

"What time?" he asked.

"Any time that suits you," I replied.

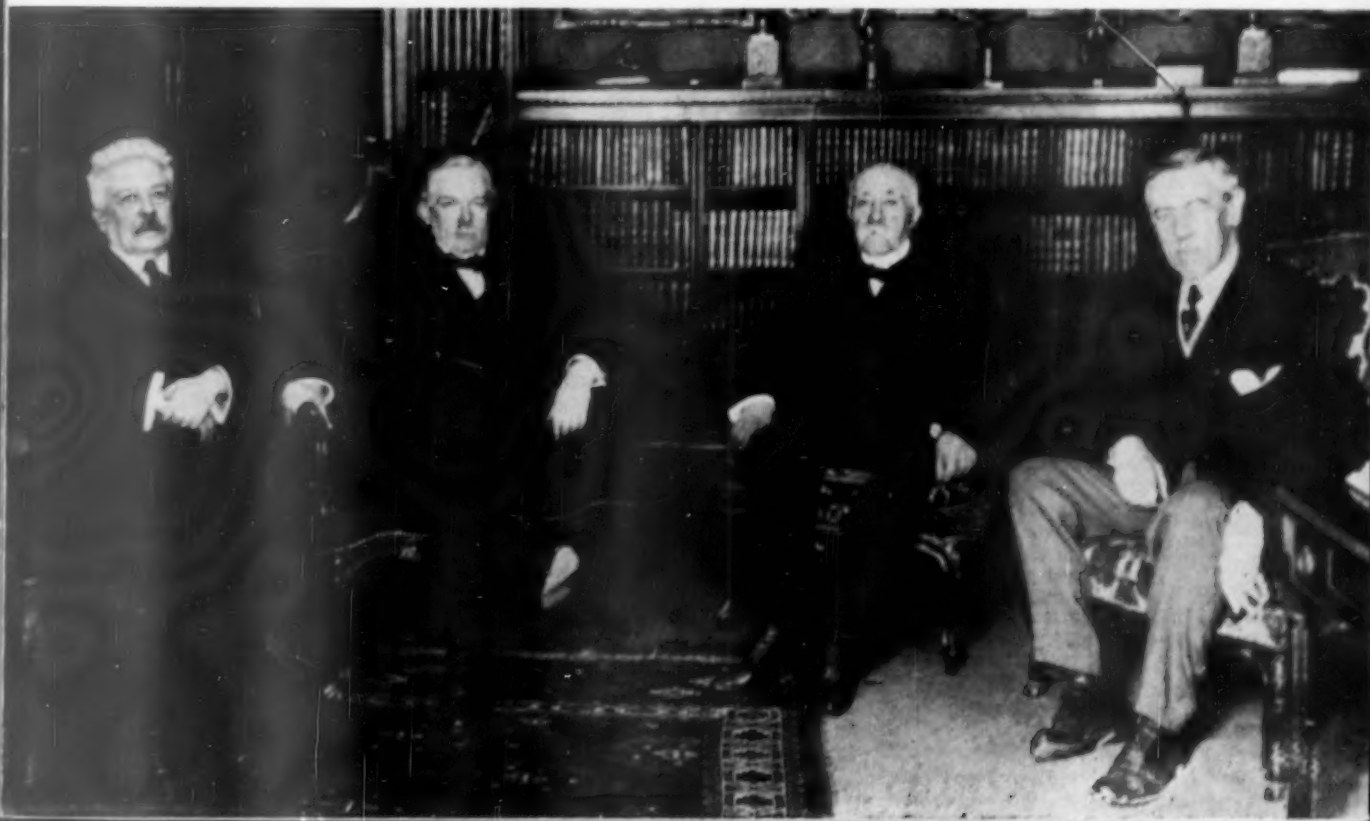
"No, you name the time," said the President of the United States.

"Well, 10 o'clock Monday morning," I answered. He was there, too, and we got some fine pictures.

That, of course, was quite some time ago. A lot of other important men have entered the Harris & Ewing doors since then: many of the important persons of the Hoover, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Truman, and Eisenhower Administrations. Even though I'm retired now, I sometimes pick up a camera just for the fun of it. And I can still feel a measure of excitement when I think of the imposing parade of people—soldiers, royalty, actors, politicians, all of them—whose famous features I've helped record. Taken all together, they make quite a time exposure of these exciting 50 years. Sometimes I'm asked to choose my favorite portrait. Maybe my choice will surprise you. The face doesn't belong to a King or a President, but to a poet—Edwin Markham . . . the man who wrote these lines:

*He drew a circle that shut me out—  
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout,  
But Love and I had the wit to win;  
We drew a circle that took him in!*

*The Big Four—Messrs. Orlando, Lloyd George, Clemenceau, and Wilson—posed in 1918 for George Harris, official photographer for Paris delegates.*



# You Can Take Them With You !



Dad Buzz Dave Willa Mom Susie Pete Ted Jim

**M**AYBE you haven't thought about it, but within your grasp is one of the greatest pieces of education you can ever hand your youngsters: a trip to a great Convention of Rotary International. The one coming next month should be the greatest yet for it's Rotary's Golden Anniversary Convention. The place, you know, is in Chicago. The dates are May 29-June 2.

To take your family to this Convention will be to show them an area rich in the heritage of the United States. Chicago itself—with its museums, industries, zoos, and shops—can make text-

books come to life. Certainly the people of a Rotary Convention, coming as they do from 89 countries and regions, are an exciting lesson in geography, anthropology, and sociology.

But maybe you think that travelling with the whole family is just too much work. If you do, ask the Bill Alexanders, of Wilmette, Illinois, about it. Here's a Rotary couple who took their kids, *all seven of them*, to the Rotary Convention in Paris in 1953. Bill and Jane are convinced it's the brightest move they ever made!

A CLUB-INTERNATIONAL SERVICE FEATURE

Do you think those children will ever forget the experiences surrounding their Rotary trip, the dazzling fireworks on the night of the *Grand Fête de Nuit* at Versailles?

Willa and Buzz—the two oldest—were guests at the Rotary tea dance, and Willa still enjoys thinking about the Rotary fashion show when she saw original Christian Dior modelled.

Bill says that the true purposes of Rotary really came alive for his family on this trip. He will also tell you that he didn't have the faintest idea of taking his family to Europe that day the Wilmette

***If youngsters are holding up  
your plans to attend  
Rotary's Golden Convention,  
read how the Alexanders  
made the Paris get-together  
and had fun doing it.***

**By  
DORIS KENT FOX**



*Rotarian William Alexander and family line up in German Black Forest during post-Convention tour.*

Rotary Club asked him to go as its delegate.

It was more a joke than anything else when he came home later and said to Jane, "How would you like to go to Paris?"

Jane is not easily shocked, a good quality in a mother of seven. She went calmly on with her darning, and replied, "Why not?"

Willa, practicing her clarinet close by, was quick with a better idea: "Why don't we all go?"

Bill didn't even bother to reply to that suggestion. The subject was dropped, or so Bill thought. Actually, while Bill worked days as a Chicago lawyer and nights as the Wilmette village president, the rest of his family was poring over maps and travel brochures.

But the idea took hold of Bill, too, and one day he mentioned it to a fellow Rotarian in the travel business. They discussed several plans. Bill found himself in a state of "what if?" And "One day," he says, "I realized that I was in

deep. It was either back out or put some money on the line."

That night the Alexanders had a serious family council. They made some big decisions—and followed through on every major plan.

They arranged for the children to cut school four weeks early. They held the baggage limit to one suitcase per person, and took only clothing made of seersucker or nylon which would need no pressing. There would be room only for two sets of underwear and one pair of pajamas for each youngster. They travelled on a moderately priced one-class ship. In Paris they bought a German Volkswagen bus for touring Europe after the Convention.

The Alexanders decided, too, that there would have to be a policy of taking what came. If they were to go on this adventure, they couldn't let disappointments mar the good time. Above all, they resolved that they would be "good citizens" on the trip.

As Peter put it one day, "We'll have to behave ourselves in Europe. They'll think that all Americans are like us!"

Jane and Bill abhorred the idea of being classed as the kind of folk who "take along their own instant coffee."

"We thought the children ought to be able to eat what the children in the free countries of Europe eat," explains Jane. "The sooner we accepted the customs of the people there, the more worth while the trip would be."

So many people said, "Even if you go, what's the sense in taking Jimmy? He'll never know he's been!"

Well, that little lad of 3 turned out to be the ambassador extraordinary for the whole family. He was at home everywhere, liked his meals, drank the water, and picked up more words in each language than anyone else.

One morning Jane took him with her to a bakery in Konstanz, Germany, to buy bread for the family's noonday picnic. Jimmy eagerly accepted the loaf from the bakery girl with a clear "Danke schoen." The girl came around the counter and hugged him delightedly.

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*Aboard Maasdam, Bill and Jane Alexander and their seven children leave the U. S. for Europe. Young Peter's broken arm, encased in a removable cast, did not delay the trip.*



*Baggage problem is solved here by Dad. He fits nine suitcases into the German car they bought. Each traveller took nylon or seersucker clothing in his one bag. At night they washed quick-drying, ironless change.*



*In Rome the Alexander car drives past St. Peter's Cathedral. Crossing national frontiers, Dad was banker for currencies, but each youngster had earned his own spending money for trip. The family food budget was eased with noontime picnics on the road. The family had reserved and paid for their lodging before leaving home in Illinois.*

*A survey of former Rotary scholars  
reveals some frank likes and dislikes  
about the Rotary Foundation program.*

**"I** MIGHT have profited by closer guidance from the local Rotarians."

"Rotary Fellowships function well."

"The length of time spent abroad should be at least doubled."

"We needed better briefing before leaving home."

"Place less emphasis on returning home at once after end of term of study."

"The program seems to me excellently run, and I am sure it has been fruitful."

Those comments—typed, neatly penned, or quickly scribbled—come from some of the 601 graduate students whom you and I, through our Rotary Foundation, have sent abroad for a year of study. These young people have come from 57 countries. At this moment all but 108 fellows now enrolled in classes are out in the world earning their livings, profiting from the experiences and scholarship that the Foundation provided them.

Or so you and I tell ourselves. We agree that the work is a success, that through it we are spreading international understanding.

*But what do the Fellows themselves say?* Well, I think I have the answer—or 148 answers, to be exact. These I gathered while writing a master's thesis of 265 pages at the University of Iowa, my subject being "International Understanding through Rotary International." The thesis, of course, involved far more than a study of the Fellows. In ten other chapters, it covers "What Is Rotary?," "Rotary and the United Nations," "Intercity International Meetings," and other important work. But the survey of the



*A typical eight of Rotary's 601 Foundation Fellows who have hailed from 57 countries. Next year 109 more will be added to the proud band.*

*Los Angeles Times*

# What the Fellows Say

By Merle C. Nutt

Fellows was part of the study that I found especially revealing.

"Don't tell them you are a Rotarian," my faculty advisor suggested as I prepared a questionnaire for former Fellows. "You want these answers to be completely frank."

Frankness was exactly what I wanted. And it was what I got. The former Fellows considered me just another scholar; they appreciated my guaranty that their opinions were confidential. Their answers are not varnished by tact. For that reason I think we can rely on these opinions from 148 young people in 18 lands.

What did the questionnaire ask them? Well, we started with information about their present vocations. One was a concert pianist. Another was a writer. Others were lawyers, surgeons, soldiers, educators, and clergymen. Overwhelmingly they had stayed in the fields in which they were majoring during their Rotary-sponsored schooling.

I wanted to appraise the amount of understanding that the Fellowships helped the Fellows and others achieve. So I asked the scholars what they had thought of their host country before going on their Fellowships. Then I asked whether they had changed their opinions during their year of residence and study.

"I had imagined the English to be cold and reserved," said one Fellow. "They really aren't. They just have a different idea of courtesy; they don't want to intrude on privacy."

Another said, "I expected the people of Argentina to be pompous and overbearing. They weren't; they were charming."

These answers are probably not too typical. Most of the Fellows admitted that their first notions about their hosts were pretty vague. *But almost without exception* they reported that their impressions improved after their year of study abroad.

"As a Rotary Fellow, were you a house guest in private homes?" I asked. "If so, about how many such homes?"

One Fellow had been entertained in approximately 50 homes! And almost every Fellow had been inside one or two residences. That's a significant point. Not every fellowship program can offer Rotary's brand of hospitality. Thousands of students study in other lands each year—and go home never having seen the inside of a home in the land of their visit. What a pity!

And consider the next question: "What type of experience most contributed to your better understanding of the people in the country you visited?"

Answering this question, the Fellows ranked "the homes of friends" as their most valuable source of

*Gentleman and scholar are just two of the titles deserved by the author of this article. An engineer, he is full-time president of an iron works in Moline, Ill. His recent return to school to get a master's degree reflects the same intellectual curiosity that has fitted him for his work as a trustee of Illinois Wesleyan University. His thesis subject shows his interest in Rotary — going back through 28 years of membership, a friendship with the Founder Paul P. Harris, and the Presidency of the Rotary Club of Moline. Some of his other interests include the YMCA (he was vice-president of the National Council), international travel, and color photography. He and Mrs. Nutt are parents of two daughters and grandparents of a girl and boy.*



Photo: Schultz

understanding. Next in order, they noted "places of study," then "at cafes and meal table," and "in railway coaches." Others reported that they got their best insight during skiing trips, or while hitchhiking, or in "bull sessions," or "just living with people."

Did local students help to develop mutual respect and friendship? "Yes!" said all 148 Fellows. What about members of the faculty? Only four of the 148 indicated that their teachers were less than helpful.

What attitudes did the Fellows find the most pleasing among the people they met? "Interest in me as an individual," said one. Others listed adjectives like "friendly," "hospitable," "kindly," and so on.

And their peeves? "Please list attitudes which you found irritating," read my question. The answers were straight to the point:

"Intolerance on the part of the local middle class."

"Young men made passes."

"Lady I stayed with resented my \$1,800."

"Border officials' attempts to obtain bribes."

"I was judged falsely by rumors. . . ."

"None."

In still another question, I inquired about irritations: "Did you meet any indifference . . . or outright hostility against you or the land of your birth?"

Most of the Fellows found at least some unpleasantness of this sort. "Yes," answered 54. "Some," said 20. "No," answered 66! And their experiences ranged the same wide spectrum, from encountering minor frustrations to witnessing street riots against their homelands.

Of course, we need no survey to know that national misunderstanding and national dislikes exist in the world. Without such things there would be no need for the Rotary Foundation Fellowships program. Closer to the point were questions that showed

whether the Fellowships helped to *change* such attitudes.

Did the personal contacts of the Rotary Foundation Fellows help them personally to gain a better understanding of the host country? Of the scholars who returned the question, 125 said "Yes"; only 15 said "No." That's an impressive, almost nine-to-one vote of confidence!

To measure a similar result, I asked this question: "Did you still feel 'foreign' or 'strange' at the end of

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## Putting It in Words

**SPEAKING** to a group of Rotary Club Presidents at Rotary's Convention in Seattle last Spring, I remarked with some firmness that every Rotarian should be able to give a clear, concise definition of a Rotary Club whenever asked. "What's yours?" someone shouted to me—and on the spur of the moment I gave one which drew warming applause. It was this:

A Rotary Club is an organization of men, engaged in their particular community in some business or profession, who accept the moral principle of service to humanity as an essential to human happiness, and are determined, as far as the frailty of their human nature will permit, to practice that principle in their domestic, business, and social lives, and to endeavor, especially by example, to influence other persons throughout the world to accept and practice that same principle, in the belief that such acceptance and practice will lead to world peace and universal human happiness.

—Stamp W. Wortley

Second Vice-President, Rotary International  
Chelmsford, England

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your Fellowship; or were you 'at home' in the country you visited?"

Just three Fellows said they still felt "strange"; nine others felt merely "accepted"; but all others said they felt "very much at home."

In still another question, I tested the success of Foundation Fellowships: "Do you feel that you derived a better understanding of the peoples in the country you visited as a Rotary Fellow?" Only one said "No." Statistically, this could indicate that the Rotary Foundation Fellowships are 99.2 percent successful!

Of course, there's another side to the coin. It's well enough for the Fellows themselves to learn their lessons about other cultures, but what about their friends back home? So I asked the young people how they had been able to direct the attitudes of their own countrymen since they have returned.

"I have spoken before many Rotary Clubs . . . evoking great interest in my impressions," said one Fellow. And that one is a typical answer. In their vocations, too, the Fellows are spreading their own lessons from abroad. In sermons, newspaper articles, conversations, classroom lectures—there's a great variety of presentation.

Of course, I wanted some constructive criticism. So this question was included: "What do you consider the major problems you encountered during your year?"

"Keeping dry and warm," said one Fellow. "The

possibility of another war," said another. Here is a sampling, taken quite at random:

"Inadequate language preparation."

"Difficulty in getting into the homes of Rotarians."

"Reaching a reasonable balance between study and personal contact."

"No major problems."

"Currency-exchange racket."

"Lack of time to travel as widely as could be desired."

"The major problem is deciding which is more important: Rotary speaking dates or schoolwork."

Just as varied were the answers to this question: "Do you have any suggestions or criticisms to offer which might make the Rotary Fellowships more effective in the future?"

Here are just a few of the answers:

"Rotary Fellowships function well. . . . However, one suggestion—while the Rotarians invite us to their Clubs, socials, and homes, with one exception I have not been invited to their businesses. . . ."

"No suggestions, except to send as many students out as possible."

"I feel that the length of time spent abroad should be at least doubled, and that the recipients . . . should be guided by the experience of their precursors."

"I have no criticism to make. . . . I still subscribe to the Rotary Magazine, and take an interest in the activities of the Rotary Foundation."

"It all depends on the candidates. Keep the standards high."

"Rotary Clubs sponsoring a student should . . . correspond with the student."

"The Fellowships should be announced to the candidate earlier to facilitate enrollment. . . ."

"The program is excellent for its great flexibility. . . . I hope it retains that character."

"A two-year program. . . ."

"Publicity could be used to acquaint high schools with the program. . . ."

And so the answers went. All these answers—with the names scrupulously withheld—have been referred to the Rotary Foundation Committees. They have been read and evaluated with great interest, and will provide valuable background for future decisions. They should also be valuable to every Rotarian and Rotary Club around the world in improving future relationships with Rotary Fellows and thereby achieving a maximum benefit from their year of study abroad, as well as in utilizing them effectively in spreading the gospel of international goodwill and understanding after their return to their homelands.

To me, these alert, intelligent young men and women are saying in one great voice: "We are learning about this world and its people in ways we never could have without these Fellowships. Rotary families, taking us into their homes, are helping us learn. We are studying for future jobs as leaders. We're showing our contemporaries in other lands what we are like. We're making friends across national frontiers. And we're taking our lessons back home to share with our countrymen. The Rotary Foundation Fellowships are a great success. For the sake of others like us, gentlemen, carry on!"



*"I attached a snelled hook to the boy's line. His bait was a bright red salmon egg. I figured he could handle it better than a fly."*

# The Corporal Beats the Bugler

*But the race for father-son companionship ends in a tie.*

"**W**HAT'S tomorrow?" I asked across the dinner table.

My 14-year-old son, a corporal in military school, paused in his efforts to balance the pepper shaker on top of the vinegar cruet and replied, "Tuesday, sir." My wife, suspicious, said, "It's Tuesday, April 15. Is that a special day of some sort?"

"Is that a special day!" I repeated in mock sarcasm. "Tomorrow, my dear family, is the opening of the trout season!"

My wife was not stunned. She

**By BILL MEUSE**

just said, "Oh," sort of disappointed like. But the boy, realizing fully the importance of the announcement, shot out exclamations in rapid-fire order. "Trout fishin'! Can I go? You promised. . . ."

"Hold it!" I commanded. "The opening of the trout season is like the historic opening of the Oklahoma Territory—men poised to rush in at the opening gun. The

season officially opens at 5:30 in the morning. I am hitting the deck at 4 o'clock. Anyone going with me does likewise."

"Count me out," chirped my wife. This did not surprise me. She had chirped the same thing every year since 1924.

"Count me in!" yelled the Corporal, and his waving arm collided with his glass of milk, giving us a cool, rippling pool right in the middle of the dining-room table. The boy and I adjourned promptly to the basement while the Mis-

sus repaired the damage—with remarks appropriate.

It was there that I enjoyed—perhaps more than the actual fishing that came later—the delights of planning an adventure with my son. Memories of my own father, pipe clenched between his teeth, planning our trip to Burden's Lake came stealing back. I can still smell that pipe tobacco.

"Can I do something, Dad?" The boy was all eagerness.

"You sure can. Go out to the garage and get my boots. Then sort of nonchalantly go up to your

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mother and diplomatically hint that we'll need a lunch. Not much, just a couple of sandwiches and maybe a couple of bananas. I'll check over the tackle here to make sure it's shipshape. Then you must hit the hay."

Later I wondered if he lay in bed too excited to sleep, as I did when I was a boy and my father was to call me at 4 in the morning to go fishing.

I awoke at 3:50; the Corporal bounded out as I opened his door, as if he had been awake all night—and a memory began.

The night was still with us as we backed out of the garage, and the air was balmy with the smell and feel of April. A big yellow moon looked down from the northwest. Sparrows chirped softly in the maples, realizing the new day was just beyond the horizon.

"It's still night," muttered the boy. "I beat the bugler this time. Where we going, Dad?"

"First we are going to stop at the Little Tavern for breakfast. Then we are heading for the Valley. There's a stream out there near Sagamore Farm. It winds through a long meadow. Coming by a couple of weeks ago, I stopped and talked to the farmer who owns the place. He said the stream was stocked years ago but it was fished out and now nobody ever fishes it. That's the place for us, and the farmer said it would be O. K."

"But," interrupted the Corporal, "he says it's fished out and nobody ever fishes there anymore."

"That's what he said," I shot back, "but any stream that has

been stocked—and doesn't dry up in Summer—couldn't be completely fished out. They must have left at least a couple in there, and if that couple happened to be a Ma and Pa, and if nobody has fished it for years—then, my son, we're going to catch some trout if we do our stuff properly. Besides, on opening day, the regular and well-known trout streams will be jam-packed, whereas we'll have our own private brook."

It was 4:30 when we ordered wheat cakes and coffee at the Little Tavern. In 15 or 20 minutes we were on our way. The fog lay in chunks in the hollows. My headlights picked up a cottontail hopping across the road—I had to slow down and honk the horn as he stopped squarely in the middle of the road.

We pulled into the meadow about 5:15. The first pale light of day showed a thin fog over the stream. A big cock pheasant whirled from the grass not ten feet in front of us. All the Corporal could say was "Golly!" We got ourselves pretty wet with dew sliding under a barbed-wire fence, but our faces landed in a bed of mint on the other side. In fact, the whole meadow was spotted with mint: its pungent fragrance was all over the place. I tied an ordinary white fly to my waxed line and attached a small, snelled hook to the boy's line. His bait was a bright red salmon egg. I figured he could handle it better than a fly.

We moved softly to the bank of the stream. It was quite light. I looked at my watch. It was 5:25.

"Let's get going," whispered the Corporal.

"Five more minutes. Can't fish until 5:30," I reminded him.

"Nobody around though!" he said in his eagerness.

I don't grab every opportunity to lecture, but this was an unusually good one. "The law is always around, Son, no matter whether anybody is or not."

I looked the stream over. "You let that salmon egg of yours drift down toward that sunken log. I'm taking this hole upstream. Keep back from the edge as much as you can. Walk softly and slowly. Never rush when you're trout fishing. When the sun comes up

over that hill, make sure you cast no shadows on the water or the trout will dive under the banks and stay there. And when you cast, watch your hook. Keep it clear from yourself and watch out for overhanging branches."

At exactly 5:30 I cast my fly in the dark pool, while the Corporal started his salmon egg on its trip to the sunken log. Any good fishing yarn would relate, at this point, that an old whopper hit my fly and started hell-bent upstream. But this isn't a yarn; this is a true chronicle. If the trout were there, and if they were biting at an early hour, they must have been biting each other, for my fly made an unmolested trip across the pool.

I waded to the other bank, then we both worked slowly and carefully downstream, hoping with each cast, retrieving, casting, and hoping again. At 6:30 we hadn't had a sign of a strike. I called a conference away from the pool.

"I don't think they like these salmon eggs, Dad."

"They don't seem to care for my fly either, Son, but I think we'll stick with 'em a while longer. That back eddy around that tree stump looks like a good spot. Creep up carefully and just drop your line in that current. . . . That's it. Now play out your line so the bait is carried, natural like."

THAT'S as far as I got, for the Corporal swallowed a yell as the trout struck. Did you ever see a boy's face as he holds up a ten-inch brook and says, "Gee, Dad! Look!"" If not, you haven't seen much of anything.

That broke the ice. I picked up my rod and went back to work. At a spot where the stream narrowed to not more than three feet and the water rushed down with considerable force, I sent my fly tumbling down the current. Mr. Trout, lying in wait in that tumbling water, grabbed the fly and my 9½-foot rod went almost double with his dash, plus the force of the current. He dove under the bank but I nudged him loose and worked him carefully upstream. We had our second—he looked just like a twin brother to the Corporal's.

By 10 o'clock we had fished about two miles of brook, working every hole, every likely spot, cau-

tiously and diligently. And we had six fish—two of them 14 inches—taken from a “fished out” stream. The Corporal’s salmon egg and my fly were tied for honors, as we had three apiece.

“What now, Dad?”

“Let’s have a sandwich. Then we’re going to walk back up to where we started and come downstream again, just fishing a few of those likely holes instead of working the entire length.”

As we ate, we discussed the boldness of the thrush that hopped beneath the bushes on the side of the road; the brook trout we had taken as compared with the rainbows we caught in the Colorado Rockies a few years ago; and the Corporal’s grades in school. Algebra had almost thrown him for a loss, so he quickly told me for the 40th time how he had established a school broad-jump record. He was quite proud of that. Well, I was too. But, in the final analysis, I pointed out, algebra may be a bit more important than jumping.

A cottontail left the road with a leap over a pile of brush. “See that rabbit, Son? He can jump 17 times his own length and he never went to school a day in his life.”

“Yes, sir,” piped the boy, and we dropped the subject.

When we reached our original starting point, I let my fly go tumbling down toward the sunken log. The trout, which I felt all along should be hiding there, decided to dine immediately. There was a splash, a tug, and the thrill of playing him against the current. We dropped number seven into the creel.

Cautiously approaching the pool below the falls, I caught just a flash of a dark shape shooting across the open water to hide under the overhanging bank on the far side. I motioned the Corporal to let the swift water carry his salmon egg to the hideout.

The boy dropped the bait in carefully. The cascading water carried it, tumbling, toward the opposite bank. The dark shape tore out from its hiding place and the Corporal set the hook as the line tightened. The trout headed downstream. The tight-lipped boy applied pressure and turned him, reeling in slowly, bringing him

nearer and nearer. Then, with a sweep of his rod, he lifted the gleaming fish up on the grassy bank. It was the prize of the day, measuring just 16½ inches.

“Golly!” exclaimed the Corporal. “What a whopper! He’s the biggest yet!”

“He sure is,” I replied. “He’s a beauty. We got eight now—and that’s all we can use. Let’s call it a day.”

We quit about 11 o’clock and, to add to the day’s pleasure, paid a visit to a beautiful farm to take a look at the race horses there.

“I made a discovery today, Dad,” said the boy as we pointed the car toward home.

“You usually do when you are trout fishing, Son. But what particular discovery did you make?”

“I discovered that the biggest guy doesn’t always catch the biggest fish!” he replied, with a wide smile.

It sounded like more of the “broad jump” business—but that was all right. He had caught the biggest fish, and no man or boy, having caught a large fish, goes home through the alley!

## Targets for Today

ROTARY has 8,527 Clubs in 89 countries. Practically every one of them is at this moment exchanging something with some other Club—letters, banners, cheeses, stamps, rocks, colored slides, speakers, Club publications, and even some sons and daughters.

This happy sort of exchange has gone on throughout Rotary’s 50 years, the Clubs deliberately reaching out for transworld ties with other Clubs. Namesake Clubs—say, the nine Hamilton Rotary Clubs of six countries—would join in a toast to each other. The farthest-north Club would send greetings to the Club farthest south. Two Clubs with world travellers in them would exchange speakers across 3,000 miles. So it has gone and is going.

But now there’s news in this field of International Service! As a service, Rotary International is providing all Clubs with a list of Clubs which have said they would like to exchange correspondence, programs, publications, or youth with other Clubs. It will provide fresh lists as more Clubs acknowledge.

Not yet titled but well on its way, this universal idea exchange had its start from Rotary’s President, Herbert J. Taylor, who last October wrote every Club saying he felt the Golden Anniversary Year to be the best time ever “for making friends with Rotarians in other countries—for realizing the mighty force that is potential in this ‘world fellowship of business and professional men united in the ideal of service.’”

With his letter was sent a form which, when filled out, provided information as to language, type of program, type of exchange, and similar material helpful to other Clubs desiring to get better acquainted.

More than 600 Clubs filled in the form—and still more are doing so. As a result, a list, first of its kind, was compiled and forwarded to all Clubs in January. It is titled *Targets for Today* and is International Service Paper No. 706-A, available on request. It carries a tabulation of all responding Clubs and their preference in items to be exchanged. From this point on, the operations are entirely between Clubs. If, for example, they wish to exchange students, they can go

down the list until they find one of the 33 Clubs which indicated willingness to receive such an exchange—and the matter can be arranged by direct correspondence between the two Clubs.

Or suppose they exchange correspondence. This, potentially, is one of the most fertile fields for international understanding. It means people talking to people about the things which interest them. And the exchanges which can grow out of this friendly, personal correspondence are almost limitless. Books, publications, programs on tape or wire, sons and daughters, products of local pride—all can start crossing international borders and oceans.

At any rate, the program is on and hundreds of Clubs are in it. Is yours?



# The President

*A report on the Ta*

**S**HADED thermometers stood at 100 degrees one recent day in Brazil when Rotary's President, Herbert J. Taylor, felt the need of a lighter suit. Though he and the shopkeeper spoke no common language, "Herb" Taylor got that suit, complete with alterations—and in just seven hours.

This incident was recorded by Rotary's personable First Lady, Gloria Taylor, in her purse-sized notebook. It illustrates how both of the Taylors overcame barriers of time and space on their recent friend-winning tour of Ibero-America. It also shows the cordial coöperation they found all along their 14,000-mile route.

It was a busy trip, involving 32



*For some bright-faced scholars in Niterói, Brazil, President Taylor autographs copies of the Four-Way Test. Use of the Test is spreading widely.*

*La Fortaleca*



*Political leaders greet the leader of Rotary: (above) Puerto Rico's Governor Muñoz Marín; (left) President Café, of Brazil; (below) the Chilean Defense Minister, Barros Ortiz, decorating Herbert Taylor as Commander, Order of Bernardo O'Higgins.*



*Carlson*



*In Argentina the Taylors attend six intercity meetings.*

# idential Pace

*Taylors' brisk Ibero-American tour.*

days and seven air lines. It was also productive, for the Taylors made contact with 518 Rotary Clubs and their 5,850 representatives. Starting from Chicago, the Presidential couple went to San Juan, Puerto Rico, for the inter-District Caribbean meeting (ten Districts, eight countries, and 916 persons attending). From there they flew to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, then on to São Paulo (and a 68-Club intercity meeting, the largest one of the tour). Next came Uruguay, Argentina, and Chile. Stops in the Peruvian capital, Lima, and Ecuador's great port, Guayaquil, completed the swift, crowded trip.

Typical was the visit to Concepción, Chile, the colorful, 400-year-



*Arrivals and departures punctuate the trip. The Taylors rode seven air lines for 14,000 miles during their Ibero-American journey.*



*ings. This vast one is in the capital, Buenos Aires.*



*In Peru the President stands beside Past RI President Fernando Carbajal.*



*Past RI President Armando Pereira and lass greet Mrs. Taylor in Brazil.*

*In Uruguay "Herb" is welcomed by Rotary's Immediate Past President Serratos Cibils, while Past Second Vice-President Almeida Pintos escorts Gloria Taylor.*





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*Arrival at the great Ecuadorean port of Guayaquil brings large Rotary delegation to greet the Taylors (center) at the airport.*

old home of the country's third-oldest Rotary Club. No international President had ever visited Concepción, so the Taylors made up for lost time. They arrived, on the personal plane of the Chilean President, at 10:30 A.M., greeted by a crowd of 300. At 11 they were welcomed by the Mayor; at 11:30 planted a tree in a park; at 11:45 visited an orphanage largely supported by the Concepción Club; at 12:30 heard a concert by the Polyphonic Choir; at 1 P.M. visited the University; at 3 attended an intercity meeting (some of the visitors travelled for seven days to be there); at 5 helped inaugurate a new highway intersection; at 6:30 attended a farewell party at the airport. At 7:30 their plane took off for Santiago, where, after changing clothes, the energetic Taylors attended a Rotary dinner party at 11 P.M.

During such full days, President Taylor explained Rotary's purposes to national leaders of church and State. "And you find out," the President said, "what Rotary is really doing. It's tremendous!"

*Worn out? No! Here the President contributes to the Rio blood bank.*



*In Concepción, Chile, First Lady plants tree.*



*It's desk work in São Paulo, Brazil. Here "Herb" sits with student in a Rotary-sponsored day school.*



# Speaking of BOOKS

*The biographical spotlight turns on five leaders who left their marks on the world's social structure.*

By JOHN T. FREDERICK

I AM ONE of the growing army of readers who like biography. We ask, I think, that the writer of biography shall convince us that he knows his facts—though we don't want him to parade them in pedantic fashion. We ask that he present them in an orderly pattern. Above all, we want the abundance of enlivening detail which will make us feel that the subject was indeed a real man or woman in a real world, and hence that in reading the book we have achieved imaginatively an enlargement of our own experience.

I am sure that thousands of readers will share my enthusiasm for the new series called "Great Lives in Brief." The publisher tells us that "The series is intended to satisfy, in brief compass, the curiosity that the average adult reader has about the lives and accomplishments of famous people." I feel that this purpose is achieved with genuine distinction in each of the first five volumes of the series: *Henry Ford*, by Roger Burlingame; *Charles Darwin*, by Ruth Moore; *Mahatma Gandhi*, by Vincent Sheean; *Hans Christian Andersen*, by Rumer Godden; and *Alexander Dumas*, by André Maurois.

Possibly the widest interest attaches to Roger Burlingame's study of Henry Ford. Few men have done so much to change the shape of modern life as did Ford; few have been so hard to see clearly as human beings. In Burlingame's book for the first time the whole man emerges, viewed keenly and even pitilessly, yet with ample recognition of his massive influence and achievement in many fields. Unfalteringly dramatic, with an unerring sense for the right detail and the right word, this biography gives the reader sustained pleasure and lasting reward.

Like service is rendered by Vincent Sheean's *Mahatma Gandhi*. Here is surely one of the most challenging subjects for the modern biographer: a life that has shaped the world of today and tomorrow most profoundly, but a life singularly difficult for the Western mind to understand. Sheean's book seems to me brilliantly successful in its double

purpose: of narrating the events of Gandhi's life clearly, so that the reader will know what this man actually did; and of helping the reader to understand why he did these things, by portraying Gandhi's India and the man himself. The last of these tasks is the most difficult. Perhaps no Western writer could achieve it wholly. But I believe many readers will share my feeling that through Sheean's knowledge and sympathy, and his power as a writer, we are at last coming close to the truth.

A third volume in this new series which I like especially is Ruth Moore's *Charles Darwin*. Here the major events are in the field of the mind—though the great scientist's personal life is recounted with taste and charm in what is on all counts a satisfying study.

Altogether, this new series of relatively brief and inexpensive biographies is a truly distinguished addition to contemporary biographical writing.

Biography of another kind is also well represented among the new books: the fruit of years of research to uncover new facts, and of patient study to arrive at fuller understanding of facts already



Price

known. I am especially pleased by Robert Price's *Johnny Appleseed: Man and Myth*. The solitary tree-planting frontiersman has in comparatively recent years become a major figure in American legend. It has taken a quarter of a century for Robert

Price to disentangle the real life of John Chapman from the legend, and to reveal him as an understandable and highly interesting human being from the beginning of his independent career in western Pennsylvania to his picturesque old age in Ohio and Indiana. He has deep sympathy for his subject, but never becomes sentimental. His judgment of evidence is acute but not arbitrary. His writing is so good, so sound and concrete, that it carries

the reader along the paths of John Chapman's purposeful wanderings with fully sustained interest. Far from robbing the beautiful legend of its larger meanings, Mr. Price's study illuminates and confirms them as a noble part of the nation's heritage.

In the literary history of the United States, no subject has been more popular or more disputed than the life and work of Walt Whitman—the Long Island schoolteacher and Brooklyn printer-editor whose *Leaves of Grass* first startled readers just a century ago. More than 50 books have been written about Whitman, and thousands of newspaper and magazine articles; few of these have been free from active bias—often violent—either for or against the man as person and as poet. The steadily growing reputation of Whitman in both Europe and the Americas has led to ever-increasing study, and the discovery of new facts, the achievement of new interpretations—much of this within recent years. There was need for a critical biography which would draw all into perspective and provide both the student of literature and the general reader with a more complete and more truthful picture than had previously been achieved.

Gay Wilson Allen has met this need triumphantly in *The Solitary Singer*. Though this book is remarkable both in its wealth of detail and in the writer's success in keeping that detail lively and readable, I feel that the book's greatest distinction lies in its fairness, its firm sense of balance, its candor, and its poise. In those aspects of Whitman's life and work which have been obscured by partisanship or distorted by prejudice, Mr. Allen's way is to state the facts clearly and honestly, to suggest their implications fairly—and to let the reader judge for himself. His devotion to Whitman as man and writer has led him to devote many years of most earnest effort to the making of this book; but it has not led him in a single instance either to suppression of evidence or to arbitrary interpretation of it. *The Solitary Singer* takes its place immediately, in my judgment, beside Quinn's Poe, Rusk's Emerson, and Miller's Edwards, among the best biographies of American writers.

Special interests will be served by sound and enjoyable new biographical studies in varied fields. Katharine Anthony's *Susan B. Anthony: Her Personal History and Her Era* takes its place among the most valuable in the already long list of the author's brilliant contributions to the field of biography. By its nature it is a history of the woman-suffrage movement in the United States as well as an account of a major figure

# Human Nature Put to Work



Half the troubles between parents and children arise from a lack of clarity in the family rules. We recently cleared one up in our home—on the matter of temperature and clothing. To a child it is never cold enough to wear leggings. To end the arguments we got a thermometer, put it outside our door, and painted a bright red line across the gauge with the simple legend "Leggings today." When the mercury is above the line, no leggings; mercury below, leggings. The children like the game—and play it.

—Mrs. Wilbert W. Layton, Wynedd Valley, Pa.



When the facts won't work, try the fantastic. That seems the moral of a story about a young couple in a town near mine. For weeks they'd been trying to find a home for themselves and their young daughter. Finally, near their wit's end, they placed this advertisement in the local paper: "Man, wife, and 6-year-old female hellion want house or apartment. Our daughter loves to deface floors and walls with crayons and hatchet. Has burned down two houses. Want to make it three?" They were flooded with attractive offers.

—Frank Hogue, Jr., Granville, Ga.



Something for nothing—what wonders one can work with this ancient device for human relations. Mary was just about the best cook in town, but also the most irregular on matters of attendance. When she asked me for a job, I was desperate. I wanted her, but I had to have a cook every day. Instead of reminding Mary about her reputation for absenteeism, I offered her a bonus dollar for every week that she worked without missing a day. She accepted enthusiastically and appeared every day without fail. Though she never had been the least bothered about loss of pay for the days she took off, she now stayed on the job—to win that lone free dollar.

—Mrs. Ann Dickinson, Buena Vista, Ga.

Let's have your story. If it's used in this department, a \$10 check will be sent you (\$5 if it's from another publication).—Eds.

in that movement. In this aspect, as well as in the delineation of Susan B. Anthony's personality and interpretation of her character, it is consistently satisfying.

Harry Barnard's *Rutherford B. Hayes and His America* deals with less dramatic materials than did his widely read *Eagle Forgotten: The Life of John Peter Altgeld*, but is a markedly thorough and surprisingly absorbing study of one of the neglected figures of American history. *Children's Shepherd*, by Katherine Burton, is the well-told and appealing story of a noble pioneer in work for homeless children. Father John Christopher Drumgoole. *Stonewall Jackson and The Old Stonewall Brigade*, by John Esten Cooke, is a valuable reprinting of the first biographical study of Jackson—by one who knew him personally—admirably edited by Richard Barksdale Harwell.

*MacArthur, 1941-1951*, by Major General Charles A. Willoughby (MacArthur's Chief of Intelligence, 1941-1951), is history even more than biography. Written very ably, with marked sympathy for MacArthur, it contains fresh and highly valuable documentary evidence. *Hugh Roy Cullen*, by Ed Kilman and Theon Wright, is a very readable account of the eventful career of a noteworthy Texas oilman and philanthropist. *Atoms in the Family: My Life with Enrico Fermi*, by Laura Fermi, is a truly delightful book about one of the greatest modern scientists in his personal life. It is marked by humor, insight, and complete freedom from false sentiment. I recommend it highly. As you know, Dr. Fermi died last November, just as his wife's book was beginning to attract wide notice.

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In writing of Robert Price's excellent biography of Johnny Appleseed, I noted the fact that its subject is a folk hero as well as a human person. It is a pleasure to round out our shelf this month with four fine new books in the general field of folklore each of which offers generous measure of reading enjoyment.

Burl Ives' *Tales of America* is a characteristically informal and flavorful retelling of a score of lives and legends that have contributed to make the cultural inheritance of the United States—from Pocahontas to Paul Bunyan. Its most interesting components are the less known stories like that of Dan Emmett and the beginnings of the minstrel show, and the miscellany gathered in the recurring selections from *A Wayfarer's Notebook*.

Padraic Colum's *A Treasury of Irish Folklore* gives more than the title promises, for it contains not only some of the great traditional tales of early Ireland, and fascinating collections of

"Ways and Traditions" and "Fireside Tales," but speeches of Robert Emmett and Daniel O'Connell, even a sketch by Peter Finley Dunne. It is indeed a rich collection.

*Texas Folk and Folklore*, edited by Mody C. Boatright, Wilson M. Hudson, and Allen Maxwell, sticks to the fields of true folklore, but provides extraordinary variety within them, with Indian, Mexican, and Negro materials; stories for children and legends of treasure; ghost stories, folk songs, proverbs, superstitions, and cures. There is an especially fine long essay on "Folklore in Natural History" by Roy Bedichek.

I want to give special praise to *Tar Heel Ghosts*, by John Harden, a member of the Rotary Club of Greensboro, North Carolina. Collection of these 30-odd North Carolina ghost stories (and selection from many more) has been, I am sure, an enjoyable hobby. The writer's



A sketch from Rotarian John Harden's *Tar Heel Ghosts*, a collection of eerie North Carolina folklore.

skill and power enable the reader to share its fruits. Mr. Harden's way of telling these stories wins my fullest approval. His writing is always appropriate in tone, but never obtrusive, never forced. It's so easy to spoil such stories by the wrong way of telling them. Mr. Harden isn't guilty of a single failure. A handsome little book physically, *Tar Heel Ghosts* is a truly fine new thing in the field of folklore.

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# PEEPS

## at Things to Come

BY HILTON IRA JONES, PH.D.

■ **Fire Detector.** A Nebraska company has developed a remote-control and fire-station receiving panel which should entirely revolutionize the fire-detection system. It is said to be the first development of this kind ever to be recognized and accepted by Underwriters' Laboratories. It actually makes the fire-station dispatch officer a full-time night watchman within every building protected. The equipment automatically sets off the town siren telling exactly which building has an incipient fire; it sounds a local fire alarm and shows the location within the protected building where the fire has started. Most fires are detected with this system while they are still in their smoldering stage.

■ **Home Knitter.** Available now is a home knitting machine which makes 36,000 stitches an hour on the average. It saves time and yarn, and turns out wide garments 20 times faster than hand knitting. Working with all gauges of wool or cotton, the machine can yield firm or loose knitting as required, with absolute uniformity of stitch.

■ **No-Rinse Upholstery Cleaner.** A recently introduced upholstery cleaner is scientifically compounded to remove grease, grime, and stains and even hair-oil smudges from furniture, rugs, drapes, automobile upholstery, and other fabric articles. It is applied without rubbing or rinsing and leaves no oily residue or unpleasant odors. A special kit contains a large sponge applicator and sufficient concentrate to make one gallon of cleaning fluid.

■ **Screw Anchor.** A new screw anchor holds with a lock-washer grip where a screw won't, and can be applied to hollow-type wall, floor, or ceiling. It can be used for many purposes, such as stair rails, electric fixtures, and fans. Low in price, they are easily applied and extremely useful.

■ **Plastic Paint.** A new anticorrosive coating can be applied cold to protect surfaces of wood, plywood, composition board, cement asbestos board, cement blocks, brick, soapstone, and metals. These plastic paints, now several in number, have now come into commercial production. They consist of inert thermoplastic polymers and light-, heat-, and corrosion-resistant pigments in a suitable organic solvent. No primer is needed and it has great covering quality. The surface is easy to repair. No drying oils are used. The paints come ready for brushing or dipping when the can is open and the contents stirred. They cannot be satisfactorily sprayed, however, and are recommended pri-

marily for use in industrial plants, and in industrial and educational laboratories. They are not recommended for use in the home because no other type of paint could be applied over them.

■ **Textured Nylon Yarn.** A new development in textile fibers is characterized by many tiny loops mechanically introduced in each filament of the basic yarn. Striking effects including changes of bulk, covering power, texture, and feel have been achieved by applying the process to various continuous filament yarns, producing a line of men's half hose made of these textured fibers that impart a distinctive cashmerelike feeling and light weight and make a sock that is far superior to anything heretofore available.

■ **Heat-Repellent Paint.** Applied to the roof of a building, heat-repellent paint is reported to lower interior temperatures as much as 45 degrees. This "air conditioning" paint reflects heat, light, and infrared waves from its white surface, and has been applied successfully to steel, wood, aluminum, glass, asphalt shingle, and masonry.

■ **Leakproof Mica.** Now on the market is a leakproof mica that is made in thin layers that will keep thousands of volts within bounds. Now electric wiring can be wrapped better, tighter, safer, and lighter. The mica can be molded and bonded and laminated and otherwise so treated that it is actually a new product produced by a new process.

■ **Neoprene Truck Bumpers.** A newly introduced shock-absorbing bumper gives a practical, low-cost solution to the problem of damage to wood facing boards on truck-loading platforms. It not only prevents cracking, but also eliminates the scraping and gouging

from all but the most severe bumps. It was first used in connection with marine use as it protects against unsightly rust-inducing dents. It is made of neoprene synthetic rubber and is normally produced in 14-foot sections. It is said to be so good and lasts so long that it turns out to be very economical.

■ **Spray Gun.** Attached to a garden hose, a new spray gun mixes soap or detergents with water to supply a spray of rich suds for washing cars, window screens, and storm sashes. The unit has a three-speed mixture control. It can also be used to apply soluble fertilizers, soil conditioners, weed killers, and insecticides to lawn or garden.

■ **Midget Hearing Aid.** A new hearing aid is almost of matchbook size. Tiny transistors work on a power capsule smaller in diameter than a dime. When worn like a wristwatch, its sensitive "mike" can be aimed inconspicuously at persons who are talking. Workmen can hide it in their caps to keep its cord from tangling in machinery, and women can hide it in their hair.

■ **Overcoats for Grass and Seeds.** A new chemical acts as an overcoat for grass and legume seeds. Experiments conducted on hay and pasture plants in 134 farm tests in 28 States from Vermont to California and from Georgia to Oregon show an increase in yield averaging 41 percent. Growers may either buy the chemical and treat their own seed before planting or have the seeds treated by local seed firms.

■ **Humigraph.** Now available is a unique and revolutionary humidity indicator with innumerable laboratory and household applications. It consists of a card 6 3/4 inches by 1 3/4 inches, with a vertical column of seven color spots denoting the relative humidity from 10 percent to 70 percent. Changes in humidity cause the spots to turn color and the reading is made at the top blue spot.

Letters to Dr. Jones may be addressed in care of THE ROTARIAN Magazine, 1600 Ridge Avenue, Evanston, Illinois.

Available in a packaged unit, this scaffolding can be assembled in five different forms. The individual frames are well balanced and light, can be erected by one man. The scaffolding permits work as high as 20 feet.



# Rotary REPORTER

**196 Letters with But One Purpose** . . . to promote goodwill and better understanding between your people and ours." These words state the aim of an International Service project of the Rotary Club of SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF., that sent letters to 196 Rotary Clubs in Continental Europe, the membership of these Clubs totalling more than 12,000 Rotarians. Referring to world problems, the letters stated: "However, most of the real problems today are basic, and it is relative to these points that we are writing you today. We shall attempt to set forth some of our ideas, and we would appre-

Photo: Retman



"This is for Camp Cheerful," says Edu. F. Meyers (left), President of the Rotary Club of Cleveland, Ohio, as he shows a \$67,000 check to a crippled lad. It's for a memorial hall at the camp (see item), and is accepted by Frederick T. McGuire, head of the society that operates the camp. At rear is Harry Morrison, Board Chairman of Cleveland's Rotary Foundation.

cite it if you would refer this letter to your International Service Committee for study and an answer. Through this exchange of ideas, possibly we can do our part in building the foundation of a closer and more firm world community." At the time the project was reported, it was too early to include a summation of replies. It was reported, however, that the President of the United States was informed of this effort "to promote goodwill, and, through knowledge and understanding, create an appreciation and tolerance throughout the world."

**\$200,000 for a Health Camp** On a 72-acre site in STRONGSVILLE, OHIO, are buildings and equipment devoted exclusively to one purpose: the happiness and improved health of the crippled child. Appropriately, it is named Camp Cheerful. Each Summer about 225 youngsters en-

joy a vacation there, while hundreds of others come for week-ends and special camping periods. The history of this camp goes back to 1947, when the ground was first leased and an initial grant of \$75,000 from the Rotary Club of CLEVELAND, OHIO, enabled construction work to begin in time to open in the Summer of '48. New buildings were put up, standing ones remodelled, a modern wash house installed, and dozens of other improvements made to meet the special needs of a child in a wheel chair or on crutches. Since then, the CLEVELAND Rotary Club has invested more than \$200,000 in Camp Cheerful, its most recent donation a check for \$67,000 (see photo) to cover the cost of the Fred Auxer Great Hall dedicated last year. A memorial to a late CLEVELAND Rotarian and philanthropist, the hall houses an auditorium, an all-electric kitchen, and large dining porch. Its central heating system enables the camp to be operated the year around. Grants are made to the camp through the Rotary Foundation of the Cleveland Club, organized in 1941 to receive and distribute funds allocated to it by Ro-

Photo: Sheffield Times



Before descending into a coal mine at Wombwell, England, these sons of Rotarians from 12 European nations adjust their head gear. The mine tour is being made during a two-week international youth camp sponsored by the Rotary Clubs in the southern part of District 4 (see accompanying story).

tarians and their friends. The camp is operated by the Society for Crippled Children, which the CLEVELAND Club was instrumental in organizing.

**Two Weeks Build Lifetime Views** In England's Derbyshire area, near CASTLETON, was lived recently an adventure that 28 young boys, all sons of Rotarians, will long remember. They came from 12 European nations for a two-week youth camp sponsored by a group of British Rotary Clubs in the south section of District 4. From the opening day, which featured

a civic reception at SHEFFIELD, to the final one, the boys shared fun, viewpoints, and much wet weather together, and made of their camp "a bright, cheerful rendezvous imbued with a spirit of comradeship." In between tours to a coal mine (see photo), an agricultural show, a steel mill, and other industrial plants, the boys attended Rotary meetings in SHEFFIELD, CHESTERFIELD, HARROGATE, and WOMBELL, and enjoyed overnight hospitality in more than 100 homes of Rotarians in DONCASTER, ROTHERHAM, BARNSELY, WOMBELL, and SHEFFIELD. At camp their activities included an international forum composed of a panel of Rotarians who answered questions about Great Britain and its people. "All of us," reported a Rotarian spokesman, "are convinced that the camp promoted the best and most practical application of Rotary's fourth avenue of service."

**Waukesha 'Y' Is Busy Again**

There's a full-scale youth program under way at the YMCA in WAUKESHA, WIS., with some 2,000 young people enrolled. But it hasn't always been that busy. At one time the building was used so little that "sparrows flew around inside." That was back in 1910, some 16 years after the "Y" was organized there. Then, in 1921, an organization was formed in WAUKESHA named the Rotary Club. It needed a place to meet, chose the YMCA, and the new Rotarians went there to give the place a thorough cleaning. At the Club's first meeting it was decided to "get the 'Y' going again," and toward that end some visiting Rotarians from MILWAUKEE, WIS., contributed more than \$1,000. Donning overalls, Club members painted both inside and out, scoured floors, helped to raise more money. Next, a general secretary was hired, and the "Y" program really took on new life. The man who accepted



**Junior Achievement**—the youth organization that gives boys and girls first-hand business practice by having them operate their own companies—is given leadership in Schenectady, N. Y., by the local Rotary Club. Here two J. A. lassies text a memo pad, one of the items made by a Rotary-guided group.

the job, Earl A. Lockman, held it for 32 years, later became a Rotarian and served as Club President for 1953-54. Recently, this rebirth of a community institution was fittingly climaxed with the construction of a new \$775,000 YMCA building. It was opened not long ago, a monument to citizens who backed their municipal pride with donations to the building fund. Thus have the WAUKESHA Rotary Club's 1921 plans to "get the 'Y' going" been fully realized.

**Well, If I Were a Councillor...** Beginning their remarks in that way, Rotarians of KIM-

BERLEY, SOUTH AFRICA, recently gave their views on municipal administration to a new City Council that had just been elected. A new system in the Cape Province requires all council terms to end simultaneously, and thus it was a completely new body that came to a Rotary meeting to hear each Club member talk for two minutes on council problems. All remarks were written in advance, many of which were published later in the local press. It was reported that an editor wrote "two leading articles on the constructive suggestions made, and the impact of the idea may be gauged from the fact that the council has now launched a ten-year plan. Several themes ran through all 25 of the talks."

**History Astir in Canadian City** On a stage with a backdrop of many flags was enacted recently a Canadian pageant by new members of the Rotary Club of WINNIPEG, MAN., CANADA. Called "The Melting Pot," the pageant had as its central "prop" a huge black cauldron lined with a silver covering into which went several actors representing the many nationalities that fused in the making of a Canadian. As this mixture of different peoples unfolded, a narrator told the story of Canada's development through their assimilation.

**Clothes, TV Sets, Hogs—All Go!** The armory in GREENSBURG, IND., filled up early with bargain-wise bidders, all eager to see the merchandise to be auctioned. It was the Rotary Club's annual sale for which some 100 businessmen and others had consigned, on a percentage basis, several thousand articles, ranging from furniture and home appliances to automobile supplies and livestock. With four auctioneers taking turns on the stage, the bidding began at noon, ended nearly 12 hours later. Then Rotarians began adding up the day's receipts, subtracting sums to go to donors of items. The net figure: a \$500 profit, all of which was given to the local YMCA which had run into financial difficulty.

**Name 'Ranchers of the Week'** From the dairy, truck, poultry, and grain farms around SALIDA, COLO., come two guests of honor to meetings of the SALIDA Rotary Club. Chosen as "Ranchers of the Week," the



An unexpected "guest" drops in at a meeting of the Rotary Club of Phoenix, Ariz., and gets a trunkshake from Fred H. Knowles, Club President. The pachydermal visitor is "Darling," a four-legged advertisement for a local polio-fund campaign.



"One bang with this gavel will be heard 'round the District," says C. A. Edgren (left), of the Colfax, Wash., Rotary Club, as he presents it to James Harrison, President of the North Spokane, Wash., Club. Three of these three-foot pine and cedar gavels are circulating among District 153 Clubs to promote Conference attendance.

guests not only firm up some friendly ties with their neighbors who wear the clogged wheel, but also are introduced to Rotary's yardstick of ethical conduct, the Four-Way Test. After having the origin and use of the Test outlined to them, the ranchers are photographed in front of a Four-Way Test poster and the picture is published in the local newspaper. It's a plan that gives wide distribution of the Test, and is winning new support from Colorado's men of the soil.

**Better Health Is the Aim Here** In areas needing improved medical facilities, Rotary Clubs find many opportunities to help the needy sick. In SAIGON, VIETNAM, for example, the Rotary Club sponsors a

health center for children and maternity cases. The Club's doctor and dentist members helped to plan the center and now provide daily treatment to patients without cost. Set up to take care of 150 cases a day, the center soon increased its daily capacity to 250 to care for hundreds of refugees entering the city.

Within a five-mile radius of TIRUCHIRAPALLI, INDIA, a rural medical relief program, sponsored by the TIRUCHIRAPALLI Rotary Club, is gradually reaching more people as the plan takes hold. Its purpose is to bring doctors to villages at least once a week to examine and treat cases brought by local health authorities. Called "mobile medical relief," the care is given largely by Rotarian doctors who charge nothing for their services, asking only that the cost of the medi-

## Take a Page from Liverpool



*Among the duties of a Program Chairman is that of obtaining an interesting speaker for a meeting—but the responsibility doesn't end there. In what way it goes on is described below, along with the way an Australian Rotary Club meets its full obligation. Perhaps it suggests an idea for your Club.*

**EACH** week, in Rotary Clubs from Juneau to Johannesburg, guest speakers stand on rostrums or behind tables by invitation of Program Committee Chairmen. To make them feel welcome, especially if they are from out of town, Clubs do many things, both before and after the meeting. Whatever is done, it all adds up to a personal way of saying "thank you," even though the speaker may receive a fee. A unique gesture of appreciation is that of the Rotary Club of Liverpool, Australia, a 5-year-old group with some 40 members.

The Liverpool Club, in addition to thanking the visiting speaker publicly, wanted to do something more, something that would express in tangible form the Club's appreciation. Decided upon was a folded card, 7½ by 11½ inches in size, that would be presented to the speaker after his talk. On the cover is the Club banner, in color, with the inside of the card devoted to a brief history of Liverpool and a note of thanks, in script type, reading:

"Presented with the Compliments of the President and Fellows of the Rotary Club of Liverpool to \_\_\_\_\_ in appreciation of visit as Guest Speaker on \_\_\_\_\_."

Below these words are spaces for the President's signature and for the title of the address. "These cards not only let a speaker know we're glad he came," says J. M. Burt, Club President, "but tell him in a personal way he long remembers."

To this way of saying "thanks" to a speaker could be added dozens more, as many Rotary Clubs give speakers appropriate mementoes of the occasion. Is yours one of them?



cines be paid for, if possible. School children are examined during the visits and health records kept on them for future use. In the village of RACHANDAR THIRUMALAI, where the program was started, house-to-house calls are made, the occupants receiving checkups and advice on good nutrition.

### News Notes Re. Overseas Students

As they study in other lands, students meet new people and learn their way of living, often by mingling with them at Rotary meetings and in Rotarian homes. For example, in BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF., not long ago, the Rotary Club entertained 90 students from 33 countries. They came from four California schools, and each one replied to three questions about his homeland and the U.S.A. A Club spokesman, reporting the meeting, called it a "definite contribution toward increased harmony among nations."

In RANDWICK, AUSTRALIA, the Rotary Club recently held an "International

Night" for a group of students from nine Asian lands. The students learned about Rotary and its work to unite nations, while Rotarians of RANDWICK formed some friendly ties with their guests, all participants in the "Colombo Plan" for training students in modern technological methods. Speaker for the occasion was an official of the Colombo Plan in Australia. Later the students arranged an "Indonesian Night" that featured songs and dances of that country and a film about it.

In another Australian town, that of HORSHAM, Rotarians teamed up with some students from Europe, India, and the United States to produce an international revue to raise funds for an international house to be built near Melbourne University. Before the show, members of the student cast were taken to dinner by Rotarians, and the next day they toured the Grampians Mountains with Club members as their guides. It was an occasion that not only increased the building fund by more

than £200, but also advanced international understanding in uncounted ways.

From MILAN, ITALY, not long ago, came a 25-year-old student to live in the homes of Rotarians in HAMMOND, IND., for eight weeks. His visit, arranged through an international organization that selects European students for U.S.A. tours, was sponsored by the HAMMOND Rotary Club as one of its Golden Anniversary projects. Besides staying in members' homes, the student spoke before the Club and was taken on an industrial tour of the HAMMOND area.

### Faraway Lands Know Virginia

Though some 10,000 miles away from the U. S. South, Australia

and The Philippines had some next-door-neighbor help recently from the Rotary Club of RICHMOND, VA. It happened this way: In MAITLAND, AUSTRALIA, the Rotary Club was arranging an exhibit of American products and needed a variety of them to display. Learning of this, the RICHMOND CLUB made up a package of Virginia products, including a carton of cigarettes, for shipment to MAITLAND. Soon afterward Richmond learned that the Rotary Club of CAGAYAN DE ORO, THE PHILIPPINES, was equipping a local school library and needed books and magazines. The Virginia Club started collecting donations for the distant library, amassing volumes that included books on the State, a pamphlet on colonial WILLIAMSBURG, and a three-year subscription to *Commonwealth Magazine*, published by the Virginia Chamber of Commerce. Thanking RICH-



*World-famed soprano Eleanor Steber is thanked by Rotarian Robert Reid for her performance at a benefit concert sponsored by the Rotary Club of Port Jefferson, N. Y., for two hospitals and a Girl Scout group. From the proceeds, \$2,500 went to each hospital, \$500 to the Girl Scouts. It was called the "greatest benefit concert" ever held in Port Jefferson region.*

MOND for its help, E. M. Tamparong, President of the Rotary Club of CAGAYAN DE ORO, wrote, "It costs so much to travel, the next best thing is to do it through books."

### Kith and Kin Gather 'round

Among the SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF., Rotary Club's 513 members are 64 men with this in common: each has a relative as a fellow member. In

this group are 22 fathers and sons, nine sets of brothers, and a grandfather-and-grandson combination. Not long ago the SAN FRANCISCO Club decided to honor these pairs by holding a "family day" for them. For the occasion, all the fathers and sons sat at one table, the brothers and the grandfather and grandson at another. There were two speakers, a father who spoke for the dads, a son who represented his second-generation colleagues. All shared the fellowship of a meeting that not only made the guests of honor proud, but drew the circle of friendship in the SAN FRANCISCO Club a bit closer for everyone. In speaking for the sons, John W. Ward made all the dads glow with satisfaction as he said, "We thank you dads for having introduced us to Rotary. We like it, and we pledge ourselves to do all we can to carry it on."

#### Auburn Travels 4th Avenue Well

How much can a Rotary Club do in International Service in one year? In AUBURN, MASS., the Rotary Club recently answered this question by making a 12-month survey of what it had done in Rotary's fourth avenue of service, with results that surprised even Club members. Following a three-part program aimed at "exporting friendship, goodwill, and understanding," the Club had contact with 43 countries through overseas student guests at meetings and in homes, by writing letters and sending magazines, newspapers, and books to many lands, and by shipping clothing, food, seeds, and other gifts to the needy. The students were from 18 different countries, many of whom came from Clark University and stayed in Rotarians' homes during their visit. Toward the promotion of better understanding, the AUBURN Club sent nearly 900 magazines and 112 letters to 32 families in 22 countries. In return it received more than 100 letters, magazines, and books from overseas correspondents, all of whom expressed a desire to continue their relationship with the AUBURN Club. Letters also were sent to 30 new Rotary Clubs, welcoming

them into Rotary fellowship. Among the magazines sent were subscriptions to REVISTA ROTARIA, the Spanish-language edition of THE ROTARIAN. Clothing shipments totalled 18 boxes, including special help to families in Yugoslavia and Germany. In these and other ways, the Rotary Club of AUBURN formed, within one year, thousands of friendly ties in scores of lands. The work is continuing this year, for, as a Club spokesman reported, "It takes time and much work to feel the worth of these efforts."

#### 120-Mile Journey Builds Goodwill

One bright morning, not long ago, a motor caravan left SYLVANIA, OHIO, for CHATHAM, ONT., CANADA, some 120 miles north and east. It was the beginning of a Rotary goodwill trip, the travellers being 18 SYLVANIA Rotarians and 15 wives en route to an intercity meeting with the CHATHAM Club. Met at the city's gates, the visitors divided into two groups, the ladies joining CHATHAM wives, the Rotarians of both cities heading for their meeting place. Following toasts to the Queen of England and the President of the United States, an address of welcome was made by the CHATHAM Club's President, with the President of SYLVANIA's responding. Many friendly ties were forged at the gathering, and, as a SYLVANIA Club spokesman reported, "All of us acquired a better understanding of our neighbors to the north." Tentative plans call for CHATHAM members to visit SYLVANIA this Spring.

#### 25th Year for 24 More Clubs

April is silver-anniversary month for 24 Rotary Clubs organized in 1930. Congratulations to them! They are: Wanstead & Woodford, England; Stafford, Kans.; Glen Burnie, Md.; Van Buren, Me.; Lenoir, N. C.; Fairmont, N. C.; Scottsville, Ky.; Heights of Greater Cleveland, Ohio; Del Norte, Colo.; Korsor, Denmark; Pompano Beach, Fla.; Eskilstuna, Sweden; Wilmington, Ohio; Clayton, N. Y.; Vejle, Denmark; Goulburn, Australia; South River, N. J.; Franklin, Mass.; Sutton-in-



Delivering newspapers here is Rotarian Charles T. Lehning, of Cairo, Ill. Why is he? Well, the Cairo Rotary Club marked Newspaper Week in the U. S. with a paper-throwing contest for members, the losers to take over a paper route. There's the answer regarding Rotarian Lehning—and it also applies to Rotarian Larry Conroy, also a loser.

Ashfield, England; St. Clairsville, Ohio; Algiers, Algeria; Casablanca, Morocco; Maud, Okla.; Edgware, England.

As it rounded out a decade of service to its community and beyond, the Rotary Club of ST. GEORGE, QUE., CANADA, held an anniversary gathering attended by 125 Rotarians and guests. Visitors came from five other Canadian Rotary Clubs, and from States near the border. One was David R. McWilliams, of QUEBEC, who had been present at ST. GEORGE's charter night.

A recent memorable night in SANTA MARIA, CALIF., was the Rotary Club's celebration of its 32d anniversary, an occasion beautifully—and tastily—adorned by a huge birthday cake. Past Presidents for every fifth year gave historical high lights of the Club's growth and activities.

#### Cashmere Elects to Get Voters Out

Election day was still a few weeks away in CASHMERE, WASH., but the Rotary Club was losing no time. It wanted a 100 percent turnout at the polls, and was busy making its community vote-conscious. Across the town's main street was stretched a giant-sized banner reading "Be an American—Vote at the Election." Thousands of motorists and pedestrians saw the sign, many of them from different parts of the State. In theaters the same message was flashed on the screen, and on windows of automobiles were placed stickers carrying the same reminder. Then, as election time drew nearer, those who didn't vote in the primaries were sent letters, urging them to go to the polls for the regular election. On election day the Club offered transportation to those who had yet to vote as closing time neared. With all this work, what was the result? To the polls went 93 percent of the eligible voters, a record, commented a Washington newspaper, [Continued on page 61]



Celebration of Rotary's Golden Year began early in Singleton, Australia, as the Club put up this yule sign across a main highway. The Jubilee program continues with a fund drive for building a youth center. Fund now is in excess of £4,000.

# Golden Glances

**Completed, in process, and to come are Golden Year**

**projects of Clubs and Districts. Here's a sampling.**

**District 61 (Japan)**—In this 70-Club District, a plan for celebrating Rotary's 50th Birthday is now in effect, with a District Golden Anniversary Committee coordinating the activities. The projects approved by all the Clubs are these: Club Service—preparation of a Club history, a dinner on February 23, inter-city meetings during the observance period, and the showing of *The Great Adventure*; Vocational Service—the Four-Way Test to be engraved on glass paperweights and distributed among members; Community Service—the planting of memorial trees; International Service—each Club member to contribute \$1 to the Rotary Foundation.

**Woodstock, N. Y.**—On February 23, Rotary's 50th Birthday, the Rotary Club of Woodstock was no more than one month old, yet it had already under way arrangements for making the Anniversary widely known throughout its community. On January 26 a film of the Club's charter night was to be shown on a local television station during a program featuring an interview with a Woodstock Rotarian who was a Rotary Foundation Fellow in 1950-51. On February 23, over the same station, a one-hour Rotary program was to be telecast, including a showing of the Rotary film, *The Great Adventure*.

**Santa Paula, Calif.**—Letters from this California community to Capetown, South Africa, constitute a Golden Anniversary project of the Santa Paula Club, it having "adopted" Capetown for an exchange of correspondence between members. First, Santa Paula found out whether Capetown would be interested, and then a formal plan was worked out for members with similar classifications in each Club to begin writing to each other. So now, Santa Paula's 90 members are forging some friendly ties with Capetown's 90 men, and all see in their efforts a golden opportunity for furthering goodwill between their countries.

**Free China, Hong Kong, and Macao**—In this non-Districted area comprised of 11 Rotary Clubs, a joint Golden Anniversary Committee is coordinating an area-wide program that each Club will adapt to its own locality. Drafted for consideration was a plan that included these events: a ladies' night on February 23 featuring *The Great Adventure* film; an Anniversary Week during April; an Anniversary Ball; the preparation of a booklet on the history of Rotary in Formosa; the writing of four articles on Rotary for distribution to Chinese news-

papers; and the scheduling of three radio talks by Rotarians. In addition to this joint program, Clubs have individual plans mapped out for celebrating Rotary's half century of service.

**Hastings, Pa.**—Soon Yong Lee, an 8-year-old Korean girl living in Seoul, is going to be aided by the Rotary Club of Hastings for one year, such aid to take the form of relief packages sent to her regularly through contributions made by the Club to the Save the Children Federation. The cost of these relief shipments totals \$120. The relief agency stated that Hastings was the first Rotary Club to sponsor a Korean child through its offices.

**Bangalore, India**—Reported in the February Souvenir Issue was the anti-tuberculosis campaign sponsored by the Bangalore Club as a Golden Year project. Subsequent reports have detailed additional plans, one of which is the awarding of scholarships to students at the University of Mysore. This student program is an expansion of one begun several years ago with the raising of a 12,500-rupee fund. In Club Service, Cuddalore has already achieved a 10 percent membership increase, one of the goals suggested by Rotary's President, Herbert J. Taylor.

**Belait District, Brunei**—A health need in this community—a rehabilitation center for post-tuberculosis treatment—is in the planning stage, the planning body being the local Rotary Club. Purpose of the center will be to provide comfortable housing and light work for those able to do so after hospitalization, thereby making patients partly self-sufficient. For the more robust ones, easy farming chores will be assigned. A campaign to raise funds for the rehabilitation center began with a dance.



**Port Angeles, Wash.**—When the Fall school term begins some months hence, a Port Angeles high-school graduate, a boy of top scholastic standing, will enter a university of his choice with financial help from a \$450 scholarship awarded by the Port Angeles Rotary Club. He will be selected by a Rotary Committee working in cooperation with the school principal and other faculty members.

**Miami, Fla.**—Six tons of food are going to nations where food shortages exist, because the Rotary Club of this city has underwritten shipment costs as a Golden Anniversary project. Club members donated \$435, with the arrangements being made through CARE, the world-wide relief agency.

**Holtville, Calif.**—News of Rotary's 50th Anniversary reached residents of this California town through a newspaper article written by a Club member, John A. DePaoli. The story told of the organization's beginnings in Chicago, Ill., its global growth, and its part in the community life of Holtville. It served as a Club Service project, informing non-Rotarians about Rotary.

**Hamilton, N. Y.**—In the new Memorial Hospital here, the operating room and adjoining doctors' lounge are to be fully air conditioned—all expenses to be paid for by the Hamilton Rotary Club. The project was decided upon after a community-wide survey of local needs had been made. A check for the installation of equipment has been presented to the hospital.

**Cuddalore, India**—On February 20, in this Indian city, the first of many Jubilee celebrations was to be held at a recreational center, the event a sports program for school children sponsored by the Cuddalore Club. During the following week, other Anniversary projects were to include the opening of a maternity ward at a local hospital, an oratory contest in the Tamil language, and an evening of dancing and entertainment.



This brick-and-stone three-bedroom home is a Golden Anniversary project of the Rotary Club of North Canton, Ohio, with much of the construction being done by Club members. At left, they unload tile for the basement. When finished, it will be sold and the profit used to buy a first-aid truck for the local fire department.

# PERSONALIA

*'Briefs' about Rotarians, their honors and records.*

**NOTARY NOTE.** ARNOLD HAWXHURST and GEORGE A. SEHER, of Stony Brook, N. Y., are notaries public who have, for their fellow Rotarians, been notarizing anything that needed that touch of legality—and without charge at that. Thinking upon this year-round act of generosity, TODD HARRIS took two plastic containers and cut a slot in the lid. Adding a sign "Notary for Rotary—Scholarship Fund" he gave one to each man. The result: a tidy collection of coins for the Club's scholarship fund.

**Full Circle.** It was just 35 years ago that CHRIS A. DE YOUNG began his career as an educator in India. Though he returned to the United States to continue his teaching, he managed to keep in touch with Eastern affairs. In 1950-51 he served as a Fulbright lecturer at the University of Delhi, India. Now head of the department of education and psychology at Illinois State Normal University, and a member of the Rotary Club of Normal, Ill., he has been granted a leave of absence to return to the Asia he knows and understands. DR. DE YOUNG will survey mission education of the Presbyterian Church with headquarters at Forman College, Lahore, Pakistan, bringing his career and his global travels full circle.

**Life Relived.** Rotarians of Ironton, Mo., and their ladies thought they were coming to another annual holiday party. WILLIAM R. EDGAR, the only remaining charter member of the Rotary Club of



For 50 years they have been wed: Past International President and Mrs. Ed R. Johnson, of Roanoke, Va. They married 39 days before Rotary was founded. He was Rotary's leader in 1935-36.

Ironton, was no exception. The routine was usual—until the President turned the meeting over to the Entertainment Committee Chairman. Then the lights were turned off, and a series of still pictures were projected on the screen—pictures depicting events in the life of "BILL" EDGAR, from the wedding scroll of his parents to photos collected from family albums. They covered his career professionally and within Rotary. Then, with the lights once more turned on, ROTARIAN EDGAR received an engraved citation attesting his long and faithful service to his Club and his community.

**Crusaders.** Sailing across the skies of Europe go the big balloons, freighted with messages of hope to those behind the Iron Curtain. And across the oceans to watch that operation of Radio Free Europe, and to release a balloon or so themselves, recently travelled 72 American business and civic leaders as guests of the Crusade for Freedom. Among them were five Rotarians: WARREN W. HAWLEY, of Batavia, N. Y.; CARL H. HOPKINS, of Montpelier, Vt.; WILLIAM J. McMANUS, of Washington, D. C.; ROBERT S. MCCOLLUM (see photo), of Denver, Colo.; LESTER O. SCHRIVER, of New York, N. Y.

**Maker-Upper.** The next time you hear a Rotarian wondering whether he will make up attendance, you can tell him about C. O. UNDERWOOD, of Piquette, Miss. His perfect-attendance record covers 22 years, but to keep it intact recently required 2,700 miles of plane travel, 160 miles of bus transportation, and 158 miles of hitchhiking—all because he went on a hunting trip along the Alaskan Highway. His first make-up was in anticipation and came while he was en route north, in Branson-Holister, Mo. His next, almost two weeks later, involved 2,700 miles of flying with a bush pilot from McDame Lake, where the hunting camp had been established, to Edmonton, Alta., Canada (see photo). The following day he caught a bus to LaCombe, Alta., for his third make-up. For his fourth Rotary meeting he hitchhiked 158 miles from Great Falls, Mont., to Butte. The result, reports ROTARIAN UNDERWOOD, was an unshattered record—and some fine Yukon fellowship.

**Octogenarian.** When a man reaches his 80th birthday, he often spends it sitting in his favorite easy chair, thinking of his life's accomplishments—but not DELCEVARE KING, honorary Quincy, Mass., Rotarian. Banker, businessman, and philanthropist, ROTARIAN KING is said to be more alive than many a fellow half his age. His fellow Rotarians recently marked his birthday with a special ceremony, including pinning on his



This little fellow with a large name is Paul Harris Wertheim, of Needham, Mass. His parents, Past Club President and Mrs. C. H. Wertheim, named him for Paul Harris, Rotary's Founder.



A Crusade for Freedom balloon is given a start in Germany by Colorado Rotarian Robert S. McCollum (see item).

*Photo: Edwards*



Rotary now runs in three generations of the Griggs family in Amarillo, Tex. They are: (right to left) Neil S. Griggs, his son J. Horace, his grandson Neil.



Just before the take-off to keep a Rotary attendance record intact (see item).



*Upon Egypt's Prime Minister, Gamal Abdel Nasser, the Cairo Rotary Club confers honorary membership. Dr. Zohair Garrana, Club President, places a Rotary badge as Secretary Amin F. Abdel Nour (left) and Past Rotary District Governor Yehia el Alaily look on.*

lapel a special Rotary emblem. JOHN D. MACKEY, 82 himself and senior charter member of the Rotary Club of Quincy, who keynoted the dinner, said "VARE" KING is a man who can be "fairly and accurately described as Quincy's first citizen"—a phrase resulting from his work in the American Social Hygiene Association, and from such charities as his annual gift of \$100 to each of the 48 churches in his community.

**Tapped.** A baton in modern times is used mostly for leading musical organizations, though once it symbolized the honor of high office. Today, in the hands of ROTARIAN FREDERICK C. SNYDER, of Kingston, N. Y., chairman of the Lafayette Leadership Baton Committee, Sons of the American Revolution, it is being used to honor outstanding citizens. Recently "tapped" are ARTHUR H. STARRETT, a member of the Rotary Club of Athol, Mass., and RAY O. EDWARDS, a Jacksonville, Fla., Rotarian. The former was tapped for his "devotional duty to country and community"; the latter, a past president of the Sons of the American Revolution, for his work in initiating the award and his many civic contributions. The baton, in memory of Lafayette, American Revolutionary War hero, was made from an oak beam of George Washington's headquarters near Newburgh, N. Y., where Lafayette once stayed. It will travel on its mission throughout the United States until 1957, the 200th anniversary of Lafayette's birthday, when PRESIDENT DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER will be the last citizen to be tapped for honors.

**Soil Builder.** Once, about 15 years ago, a man who had been a schoolteacher, farm-implement dealer, and farmer flew over his State of Arkansas and other States. He noted that, from the air, certain soil areas looked better than others. When he landed, he spent some time comparing the incomes of these respective sections and found that the income reflected the quality of the soil. Good soil meant generally good income, and vice versa. The result convinced him that something could be done by the farmer right at home to improve his soil and his income—and he started to work. Recently that farmer, MARVIN W. MELTON, a member of the Rotary Club

of Jonesboro, Ark., was chosen as the "Arkansas Farmer of 1954." Earlier he had been elected a State Senator, and is quite generally classified as "an outstanding citizen." His principal interest is raising beef cattle on a 700-acre farm, but he maintains an enduring interest in soil usage and water conservation, sponsoring a water bill now pending in the Legislature.

**Record Setter.** To report that T. A. GANUNG, a member of the Wilshire Rotary Club of Los Angeles, Calif., believes in attending Rotary is understating a fact by a long mile. He hasn't missed a Rotary meeting in 23 years. Every Wednesday finds him at his own Club. But there are four other days in the



*In Howell, Mich., three members of the McPherson family hold membership in Rotary: R. Bruce McPherson (at left); his son Robert H. (right), and his grandson Robert T. All active Rotarians, they are all oil distributors.*

week—and, as he likes to attend Rotary meetings, he is found enjoying Rotary fellowship in some near-by community on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday every week. One record to which he points with pardonable pride is his attendance at ten Rotary Clubs in one week. Another is his attendance at 251 Clubs in Canada, Mexico, and the United States.

**Rotarian Honors.** H. C. BAYLY WITHELL, President of the Rotary Club of Ashburton, New Zealand, has been named an officer of the Order of the British Empire. . . : WILLIAM C. GORDON, of Mar-

shall, Mo., has been chosen Most Eminent Grand Master of Knights Templar. . . . HAROLD A. WALLACE, of St. Louis, Mo., has been elected senior vice-president of the American Trade Association Executives. . . . DON K. HARNES, of Detroit, Mich., is his city's "outstanding young man for 1954," so chosen by the Detroit Junior Board of Commerce. . . . SAMUEL P. DOUGLASS, of Endicott, N. Y., was selected by the local Junior Chamber of Commerce as Endicott's "young man of 1954." . . . The Junior Chamber of Commerce of Tulsa, Okla., named LOUIS W. GRANT, JR., a member of the Rotary Club of Will Rogers (Tulsa), Okla., as Tulsa's "outstanding young man of 1954."



*Harnes*

DR. HARRY A. DUNCAN, of Oak Hill, W. Va., was recently presented by fellow Rotarians with a bound book of testimonial and congratulatory messages from 100 of his friends for his leadership and inspiration in the community. . . . A bronze plaque bearing his likeness was recently presented to JESSE H. BESSER, of Alpena, Mich., long a business and service leader in his city. . . . DR. A. C. UKIL, of Calcutta, India, a Past District Governor of Rotary International, has been appointed Sheriff of Calcutta. . . . Honored in Kansas City, Mo., during Printing Week for their contributions to the graphic-arts industry were JOYCE C. HALL and RUSSELL F. GREINER, the latter a Past President of Rotary International.

**Authors.** From the pen of HARRY B. STEIN, a member of the Rotary Club of Fayetteville, N. C., has come *Legacy* (Exposition Press, Inc., New York, N. Y., \$2.50), "a collection of truths about life, love, God, and the basic precepts." . . . *Bible Readings for the Family Hour* (Moody Press, 820 North LaSalle Street, Chicago 10, Ill., \$3) has been written



*When Rotarians gather informally on the S. S. Independence, they readily recognize the lectern and gavel being used. They are here being presented to the captain, Hugh L. Switzer, by Fremont F. Eich on behalf of the Rotary Club of Reading, Pa., of which he is President. With him aboard ship are (left to right) Secretary James W. Stouds, Vice-President George V. Luessen, Treasurer Irwin B. Hoxworth, Rotary International Director Joseph A. Abey, Otho D. Bechtel. Chief Purser Gleason Marquise is at right.*

by MARTIN P. SIMON, a Highland, Ill., Rotarian. . . . Now off the press is the 1955 revision of *Tax Planning for Estates* (Vanderbilt University Press, Nashville 4, Tenn., \$3), by WILLIAM J. BOWE, a member of the Rotary Club of Nashville. The book is "designed for the layman as well as the lawyer." . . . ROBERT J. WISE, of Flint, Mich., is the author of the recently released *This Is Your Job* (Vantage Press, \$1.50).

**Voicing Ideals.** Now two Rotarians are repairing some of the damage caused by the Tower of Babel. One of them, MATTHIAS F. SCHMITZ, head of the foreign-language department and director of the division of humanities at Ohio Northern University, recently showed his fellow Rotarians in Ada, Ohio, how it was done. With understandable pride, Dr. SCHMITZ escorted his friends through the Schoonover Laboratory, a well-



*Semi-soundproof booths aid in learning a language—or languages. A Rotarian has provided them (see item).*

equipped room provided by ROTARIAN TOM SCHOONOVER, philanthropist and financier of Lima, Ohio. DR. SCHMITZ demonstrated how students could learn other languages in 24 semi-soundproofed booths (see photo) where they listen to recordings of textbooks and compare their own pronunciation by recording their own voices. By means of manipulation of a control panel, the booths can be used by students of languages, drama, literature, or music. Students can even use the laboratory to correspond by record with students in other lands. And, thanks to the arrangements made by ROTARIAN SCHMITZ, members of the Rotary Club can also use this University equipment for sending goodwill messages abroad.

**Verseman.** Rotary memories know no season. It was Spring in Upstate New York when he attended Rotary's 1954 International Assembly at Lake Placid. It was Christmas when he sent out the verse that expressed his sentiments. Now it's coming Spring again, as friends recall the words of J. G. GORCH, of West Hollywood, Calif., Governor of Rotary's District 160-A and author of several volumes of verse. Here are a few of the lines he penned nearly a year ago:

*So I'm leaving you this message  
Just because I want to say  
That I'm glad the fate arranged it  
So that I might pass this way.  
Just to see and to hear you  
Makes my sky a shade more blue,  
And I'm just a bit more happy  
Since a-crossin' paths with you.*

## Kings of the Hill

**W**ITH Spring just around the corner in northerly climes, there's a growing busyness among the planners of activities that keep youth out-of-doors in the Summer. An example of such planning is now under way at a hilltop site, along the Kaw River, not far from Kansas City, Kansas. The location is a 230-acre Boy Scout camp; the planners include many Kansas City Rotarians whose Rotary Club began helping the camp more than 20 years ago.

The name of this wooded area, with modern installations that include a dining hall, administration building, a giant-sized swimming pool, and other units, is Camp Theodore Naish, serving some 2,000 boys in eastern Kansas. It is operated by the Kaw Council of Boy Scouts, and draws youngsters from as many as eight Kansas counties. Its Rotary ties go back to the early '30s, when a camp-development committee of the Kaw Council consisted of three Kansas City Rotarians. Since then, Rotarians have worked so closely with the Council and its committees that it is often said that a meeting of Scout leaders in the area is like a Rotary gathering.

For their pre-Spring planning sessions, these leaders meet in a dining hall of native stone built by the Rotary Club in 1932. During the camping season it is a busy place, its long tables accommodating 300 boys at one time. Someone close to food buying for the camp recently estimated that more than 750,000 meals have been served in the dining hall since it was built. The kitchen, a good measuring stick of the camp's growth, has been enlarged several times to satisfy the hearty appetites of a growing number of boys each season. The most

recent kitchen expansion was in 1950, the cost being met by the Kansas City Rotary Club.

As the need arose, other camp improvements have been made by the Rotary Club over the years, including:

- an administration building erected largely through the efforts of the Club.

- the installation of gas lines for conversion to natural gas.

- the installation of two large heaters in the dining hall.

- an automatic dishwasher for the kitchen.

- a handcraft lodge built as a memorial to a late Club member.

- a swimming pool for which the Club donated \$1,500.

Soon all these facilities will again be put to their sole purpose: to provide happy, healthful vacations for boys on their way to becoming tomorrow's leaders. Elsewhere, other Rotary camps are astir with plans for opening day, some for handicapped children, like the one supported by the Rotary Club of Buffalo, New York; others for Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, and youngsters of poor families, like those sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Leeton, Australia; Bowling Green, Ohio; Parry Sound, Ont., Canada; and Rockford, Illinois.

At these camps—and hundreds of others that have Rotary support—girls and boys build stronger bodies, learn the importance of fair play, and develop the knack of getting along together. As Judge Harry G. Miller, Jr., President of the Kansas City Rotary Club, puts it: "It's our way of looking ahead. Through this Scout camp we are investing in the future. Our continued support protects our investment."



*It's chow time—and the "kings of the hill" rule supreme over the tables.*

# Reporting: Board Action

**W**ITH all but two of its 14 members present, the Board of Directors of Rotary International held its annual midyear meeting at the Central Office of the Secretariat in Evanston, Illinois, in January. The Board dealt with some 100 different items. Here is a summary of some of its decisions. The Board:

—*Nominated* the following Rotarians for membership on the Board of Directors for the years 1955-56 and 1956-57, in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws of Rotary International: Alejandro Garretón Silva, Santiago, Chile, and C. P. H. Teenstra, Hilversum, The Netherlands.

—*Continued* without change in geographical area the zone designations in the U.S.A. effective for 1956.

—*Agreed* to offer three Proposed Enactments for consideration at the 1956 Convention (Philadelphia):

To modify the provisions relating to the composition of the Council of Past Presidents which would provide membership on the Council for all Past Presidents, prior to the Immediate Past President, holding membership in a Rotary Club.

To provide changes in the chronology of the District Conference which would provide for the District Conference to be held on any dates agreeable to the District which are not the same as the dates of the District Assembly, International Assembly, or International Convention.

To provide that the Board of Directors shall determine the

time and place of the holding of the Convention in the calendar year commencing 30 months after the expiration of the term of office of the Board instead of 18 months after the expiration of the term of office of the Board as now provided for, and which experience of recent years has proved as insufficient.

To provide a broader reporting of Rotary activities, the Board *authorized* the publication of a printed reports booklet to contain the annual report of the Secretary, the report of the Treasurer to the Convention, the report of the Trustees of the Rotary Foundation, and the budget of Rotary International for the ensuing year. Such booklet is to be made available to the delegates at the Convention and mailed to all Rotary Clubs.

Plans for the 1956 Convention (Philadelphia) are being made on the basis of an estimated attendance of 8,500 persons and procedures governing the assignment of hotel accommodations at the Convention has been established.

Having agreed that the 1957 Convention shall be held in Lucerne and Central Switzerland, subject to the availability of transport facilities, the Board reviewed information furnished by the 1957 North American Transportation Committee. It was *agreed* that transportation facilities appear to be adequate to accommodate those who will travel under the auspices of the Committee to the 1957 Convention.

—*Agreed* to hold the 1957 International Assembly in San Remo, Italy, on

May 9-18, 1957, subject to completion of necessary arrangements.

—*Appointed* the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and Members-at-Large of the ENAEMAC for 1955-56 as follows: Chairman, Augustin J. Catoni, Beirut, Lebanon; Vice-Chairman, Fritz Gysin, Zurich, Switzerland; Members-at-Large, Poul Flagstad, Esbjerg, Denmark; A. Salazar Leite, Lisbon, Portugal; and Raymond Julien Pages, Le Puy, France.

—*Authorized* the holding of a Caribbean-Gulf of Mexico Regional Conference in Havana, Cuba, in 1957 subject to the completion of necessary arrangements. Included in this region are Clubs in Colombia, Venezuela, Netherlands Antilles, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Central America, Mexico, and the States of Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas in the U.S.A.

—*Elected* the following officers of Rotary International for the remainder of the current Rotary year: District 1—RI Representative George Seaton Robertson, of Arbroath, Scotland (replacing the late John Grant); District 69—District Governor Guillaume de Bellabre, of Mont de Marsan, France (replacing Pierre Boulègue, resigned); District 123—District Governor Archimedes Guimaraes, of Salvador, Brazil (replacing Clovis de Silveira Lima, resigned).

—*Regrouped* Clubs of existing Districts into new Districts as follows (subject to the provisions of Section 1 of Article XI of the By-Laws of Rotary International):

Effective July 1, 1955:

Districts 69 and 73 (part of France) to become Districts 69, 73, and 75.

District 74 (Germany) to become Districts 74, 97, and 98.

District 87 (Italy) to become Districts 87, 88, 92, and 93.



Rotary International's Board of Directors at its Evanston, Ill., meeting held in mid-January. Reading clockwise from front center: Directors Kenneth G. Partridge, O. D. A. Oberg, Robert A. Manchester II, Nitish C. Lahary, Ernesto Imbassahy de

Mello, Roy D. Hickman, Alphonse Fiévez; Second Vice-President Stamp W. Wortley; First Vice-President Gian Paolo Lang; President Herbert J. Taylor; Secretary George R. Means; Third Vice-President Benny H. Hughes; and Director P. A. Rowe.

District 107 (part of Mexico) to become Districts 107 and 108.

Districts 126 and 128 (part of Chile) to become Districts 126, 127, and 128.

District 138 (part of Argentina) to become Districts 138 and 139.

District 171 (part of Canada) to become Districts 171 and 172.

District 229 (part of Ohio, U.S.A.) to become Districts 229 and 230.

District 247 (part of Canada) to become Districts 246 and 247.

District 282 (South Carolina, U.S.A.) to become Districts 282 and 283.

District 286 (parts of Canada and Vermont and part of New Hampshire, U.S.A.) to become Districts 286 and 287.

—Transferred the Island of Gotland in Sweden from District 85 to District 84.

On the advice of the Districting Committee and in order to bring the statement of districting procedure into conformity with current practice, the Board adopted a new statement of districting procedure to replace the statement previously in effect.

The recommended Club By-Laws have provided that the proposer of a new member "shall fully inform the proposed member of the privileges and responsibilities of membership in a Rotary Club." The Program Planning Committee offered the opinion that this should be a duty of the Rotary Information Committee. Accordingly, the Board amended Section 1, Article XI, of the recommended Club By-Laws to read as follows:

If the Classifications and Membership Committees have reported favorably upon the name of the proposed member and the Board of Directors has sustained the action, the Secretary shall notify the proposer and he, accompanied by a member or members of the Rotary Information Committee of the Club, shall fully inform the proposed member of the privileges and responsibilities of membership in a Rotary Club, and shall secure the oral or written permission of the proposed member to publish his name to the membership of the Club.

—Amended Section 4(g) of Article VIII of the recommended Club By-Laws by inserting a new paragraph (1) and renumbering the existing three paragraphs in the section:

(1) to give prospective members information about the privileges and responsibilities of membership in a Rotary Club.

—Adopted a new interpretative statement for the information and guidance of Rotary Clubs in making effective senior active membership. This statement is substantially that which appears on pages 114 and 115 of the October, 1954, edition of the *Manual of Procedure* with the following exceptions:

The paragraph indicating that a senior active member who retires from business should transfer to past service membership has been replaced by the following text:

## Rotary Foundation Contributions

**SINCE** the report in the March issue of Rotary Clubs that have contributed to the Rotary Foundation on the basis of \$10 or more per member, 74 additional Clubs had at presstime become 100 percenters. This brought the total number of 100 percent Clubs to 3,764. As of February 16, 1955, \$190,197 had been received since July 1, 1954. The latest contributors (with membership) are:

### ARGENTINA

Coronel Pringles (23).

### AUSTRALIA

Auburn-Lidcombe (39); Geelong (74).

### CANADA

Pictou, N. S. (15).

### DENMARK

Herlev (24).

### FINLAND

Heinola (29); Karhula (20); Helsinki (93).

### FRANCE

Lyon (149); Mazamet (33); Saint-Quentin (33); Saverne (23); Tourcoing (28); Pontoise (31); Brignoles (20).

### INDIA

Karaikudi (45); Bangalore (104).

### JAPAN

Ikeda (23); Kyoto-South (35).

### LEBANON

Tripoli (28).

### NORWAY

Tromsø (29); Lade (25); Steinkjer (26); Egersund (22); Ekeberg (33); Moss (31).

### SWEDEN

Mark (38); Malmö-Möllevången (33); Stockholm Ostra (27).

### THE NETHERLANDS

Apeldoorn (43); Harderwijk (27); Maastricht (28); Schiedam (32); Haarlem (58); Rotterdam (88); Zeist (37); Alkmaar (39); Amsterdam-Noord (26); Groningen (54); Winschoten (29); Zaandam (38); Rheden (21); Gorinchem (23); Nimwegen (41); Zierikzee (21).

### UNITED STATES

Hickory, Pa. (28); Canton, So. Dak. (45); Spring Valley, N. Y. (55); Franklin Square, N. Y. (34); Rosenberg, Tex. (31); Lewisburg, W. Va. (65); Hardinsburg, Ky. (18); Seneca Falls, N. Y. (56); Runnemede, N. J. (23); Mason City, Iowa (138); Sayre, Pa. (38); Clarkston, Wash. (43); Watkins-Montour, N. Y. (51); Venice-Nokomis, Fla. (47); Williamsburg, Ky. (30); Jasper, Tex. (23); Devils Lake, N. Dak. (31); Paolo, Kans. (50); Springfield, Minn. (22); Stony Brook, N. Y. (36); Mannheim, Pa. (31); Atlantic City, N. J. (154); Maysville, N. C. (19); Eastport, Me. (21); Osmipee, N. H. (38); Twin Falls, Idaho (74); Savannah, Ga. (183); South Deerfield, Mass. (31); Bogalusa, La. (56).

The retirement of a senior active member from his business or profession does not affect the status of his senior active membership.

Two additional paragraphs have been added to the statement:

To be eligible for election to senior active membership, a former member of a Rotary Club must have been a senior active member or have had the qualifications for senior active membership in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws of Rotary International and the Standard Club Constitution in effect at the time he ceased to be a member.

A senior active member who became such at his own option may continue his senior active membership in the Club in which he exercised his option regardless of where he may reside, provided he fulfills attendance requirements and other obligations of membership.

The 1954 Convention (Seattle) considered as withdrawn and referred to the Board of Directors of Rotary International for further consideration Proposed Enactment 54-18, to amend the Constitution of Rotary International and the Standard Club Constitution "to provide for membership in a Rotary Club, the territorial limits of which include the member's place of residence."

The Board recognizes that the classification principle of membership is fundamental in Rotary. Application of this principle on the basis of one worthy representative of each classification of business or professional or institutional activity in the locality of the Club is the factor that makes Rotary different from most other service organizations. In developing the service aspect of Rotary, it is imperative that every member must not only represent one particular business, professional, or institutional activity, but in his respective sphere be able to express the ideal of service.

No one has a personal right to membership in Rotary. It is clearly stated in *The Outline of Classifications* that "A classification is considered as loaned. . . ." Each member is the chosen representative of his classification and thereby is only the trustee for that particular classification.

It is obvious that there can be no other basis of eligibility for active membership than that each Rotarian be a serving member in his vocation in the locality in which the Club is located. Any other interpretation would seriously jeopardize the whole Rotary structure. *The Outline of Classifications* further provides that

The existing . . . plan of membership contemplates that ultimately there shall be in the Club one worthy representative (or perhaps one active and one addi-

tional active representative) of every recognized business or profession or institution (every branch of service to society) active in the community.

"Thus there is established a business and professional group truly representative of the community but not so large as to be unwieldy, and within which any member may freely discuss the particular activity which he represents. Such freedom in discussion is essential to the accomplishment of the work for which a Rotary Club is organized."

To accept an individual as an active member on the basis of "residence within territory limits" would destroy the effective application of the principle of membership by classification in a Rotary Club.

**I**N SUCH situation, it might well develop that in some business, professional, or institutional representations there would be more than one representative in the same community—and not from the same professional partnership or company organization, as is provided under the conditions applying to additional active membership.

It is not practicable to form a Rotary Club in a community wherein there does not exist a sufficiently wide field of the usual business, professional, institutional, or related services to provide the necessary balanced territorial limits of such Club.

In light of the foregoing the Board does not look with favor upon any proposal to amend the Constitution of Rotary International which would provide for membership in a Rotary Club on the basis of residence within the territorial limits of such Club.

—Provided for the establishment in the Secretariat of a special research unit and amended the terms of reference of the Executive Committee of the Board by providing for that body to act for the Board in reviewing matters referred for research.

—Received an interim report of the Constitutional Redrafting Committee which was appointed as an Ad Hoc Committee by the Board at its first meeting of 1954-55.

—Noted with interest increased activity in the holding of Intercity General Forums in all parts of the Rotary world and recognized that this or any other Rotary activity is subject to adaptation to local conditions and circumstances.

—Reviewed the report of the Rotary Foundation Committee of three members, authorized at the first meeting of the year, and requested its transmission to the Rotary Foundation Trustees, together with the Board's reactions to each of the 28 recommendations of the Committee.

—Adopted the following statement of policy governing reproduction of the Four-Way Test:

1. All reproductions of the Four-Way Test must be identical in wording with the copyrighted

text and must be followed by the reference: Copyright, 1946, Rotary International.

2. The sole purpose of the reproduction should be the development and maintenance of high ethical standards in human relations.

3. The reproduction should not be for sale, or be part of anything that is for sale, without special permission from Rotary International.

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6. Individuals, firms, organizations, or institutions may reproduce their own names on folders, posters, or other presentations of the Four-Way Test as made available by Rotary International.

7. The individual, firm, organization, or institution making the reproduction should have a useful occupation whose worthiness is above criticism, and whose advertisements would be accepted in the official Magazine of Rotary International under established policy.

For many years Rotary International has received annually hundreds of requests from various organizations or individuals that Rotary International endorse, promote, participate in, support financially, or otherwise further the program or activity of such organizations or individuals. To assist in responding to such requests the Board adopted the following statement of policy with reference to Rotary International and other organizations:

Rotary International is the association of Rotary Clubs located

in many countries or geographical regions of the world with varying political, economic, social, and religious points of view, to all of which due regard must be given.

The purposes of Rotary International, as set forth in its Constitution, are to encourage, promote, extend, and supervise Rotary throughout the world and to co-ordinate and generally direct the activities of its member Clubs.

Accordingly, Rotary International has a broad program of service and devotes its energies and resources to the furtherance of this program through the activities of each Club.

Rotary International recognizes that activities of its Clubs often are similar to activities of other organizations. However, the policy of Rotary International is one of interest in and appreciation for the worth-while activities of other organizations, but without corporate active participation or endorsement by Rotary International as such, no matter how meritorious their activities may be. Specifically it is not considered to be within the scope of Rotary International or its member Clubs

(1) to become a member of any other organization.

(2) to participate corporately in the activities of other organizations even though it may decide to be represented on an observer basis.

(3) to furnish lists of Clubs or Rotarians to, or distribute literature for, other organizations.

(4) to endorse programs or other activities of any other organization.

The funds of Rotary International have been provided by its member Clubs exclusively for its own purposes and, therefore, contributions cannot be made for activities of other organizations. At the same time, Rotary International, through its member Clubs, encourages each individual Rotarian to support and personally participate in worth-while service activities in the community.

—Agreed that the third meeting of the Board in 1954-55 shall be held in Evanston, Illinois, May 14, 16-18, 1955.

## Long Remembered

*Rain-drenched streets reflected every light  
And all the city sparkled with an air  
Of self-assurance, knowing that the night  
Held magic which had made her wondrous fair ...  
Standing spellbound, I saw diamonds strung  
In fabulous array ... for street lamps, far  
And dwindling in the distance, each was hung  
With its particular electric star.  
Never any city holds more lure,  
Never rain has fallen half so sweet ...  
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No matter what strange roads may call my feet!*

—BONNIE ELIZABETH PARKER

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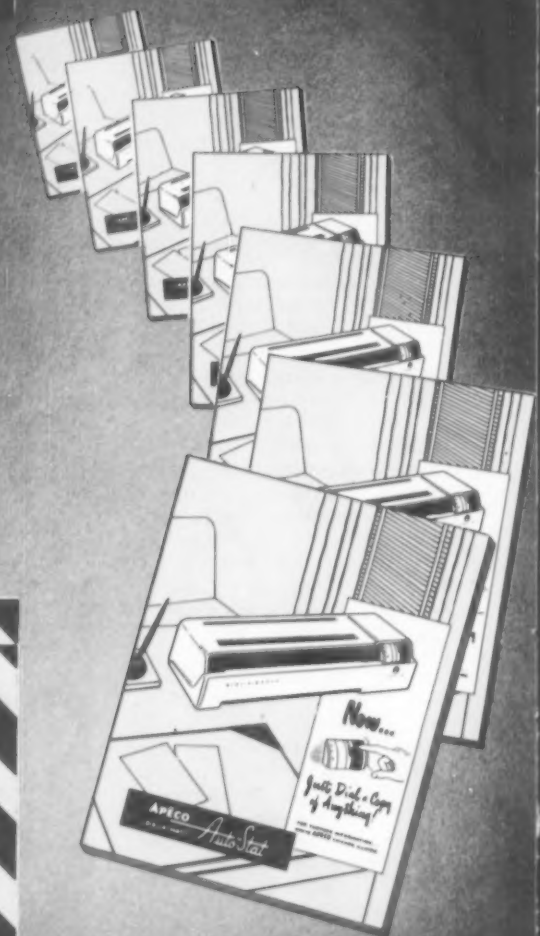
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with the authorities in Rome and the difficulties again alleviated.

A controversy between church and State developed in Mexico, which many Rotarians considered serious enough to prevent the holding of the 1935 Convention in Mexico City. A statement was published by Rotary International explaining that, since Rotary does not concern itself with either politics or religion, there was no reason why the Convention should not be held. The Convention was held as planned without any untoward incident.

Differences in customs have been no bar to the growth of Rotary. However, some Rotarians of some countries began to feel that North American Rotarians were seeking to foist their customs upon Rotarians in other lands. This required considerable clarification. For example, it was explained that the practice of North American Rotary Clubs to engage in community singing as a feature of their weekly meetings was not obligatory anywhere. Many Rotary Clubs in different lands had adopted this custom not because of any requirement for standardization, but because they found that it does promote good fellowship.

(The Secretary of Rotary International in a recent article in this Magazine has very properly pointed out that "Rotary is adapted throughout the world and not adopted.")\*

The following incident is an illustration of the successful adaptation of the custom of community singing:

Three weeks before the opening of the Vienna Convention, the President of Rotary International received a telegram from the Vienna Rotary Club protesting the fact that community singing had been scheduled as a part of the Convention program. The possibility of serious-minded Rotarians from 40 countries singing *I'm a Little Prairie Flower Growing Wilder Every Hour* apparently did not appeal to the music-loving Viennese. Their apprehensions were quieted when our genial song leader introduced a Rotary song written by Dr. Lohner-Beda, a member of the Vienna Club, to music written by Franz Lehar, another member of the Vienna Club and composer of the famous operetta *The Merry Widow*. It was followed by some of Stephen Foster's melodies which are known and sung the world over, and everybody was happy.

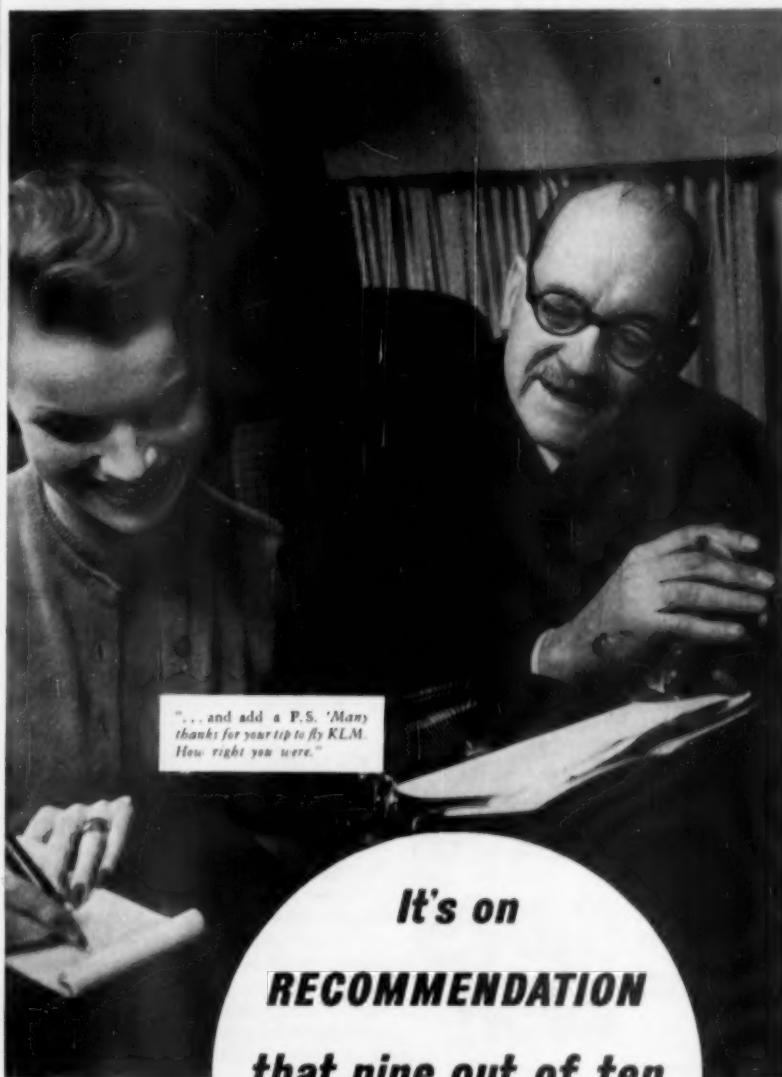
The following report by the Rotary International President of his visit to the Near East bears testimony to Rotary's ability to surmount racial barriers:

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It was most cheering to find how Rotary everywhere is providing a common denominator for men who are unable to find a common meeting ground in any other way. Their Clubs varied greatly. Some Clubs, like that of Athens, have a membership highly intellectual and indeed, professorial. The Clubs of Italy are frankly aristocratic and slightly exclusive in their personnel. In many countries the basis of membership is variously interpreted. But the purely racial or religious distinction is yielding everywhere to the philosophy of Rotary. At Beirut, in Syria, the Club is naturally largely French and its President is French. But it includes Danes, Americans, Canadians, and other nationalities. At Haifa the President is an eminent Italian surgeon. At Jerusalem the President is an Arabic Christian. At Port Said he is an Egyptian pasha. And at Cairo the Club is ably led by His Excellency Mohammed Shahine, another Egyptian pasha and the personal physician to the King. There are 18 nationalities in the Cairo Club and ten in the little Club of Tangier in Morocco with less than 30 members. The President of the Vienna Club is a Jew.

By the end of the second decade of Rotary's history, the very troublesome task of integrating the administration of the Rotary movement in Great Britain and Ireland with the administration of Rotary throughout all the other countries of the Rotary family had been accomplished. At the 1922 Convention (Los Angeles) the new Constitution and By-Laws of Rotary International was adopted with high hopes for consolidated unity in administrative matters. To quote from the preceding article of this series: "The schism which had at one stage threatened to divide the movement into at least two and potentially more parts was, after long travail, dissipated and consolidated unity secured for Rotary International." Unfortunately, however, matters did not work out as smoothly as had been hoped for.

A suggestion that the administration of Rotary International be decentralized or "devoluted" by the establishment of area administrative units was soon advanced. The basic question involved was whether Rotary should continue as a world-wide organization with a central Board of international Directors and international Committees, or whether Rotary's administration should be decentralized into area units with greater autonomy and less coordination from a central authority.

It would serve no useful purpose at this stage of Rotary's history to review, in detail, the many conferences and discussions which occurred during the third decade respecting the matter of

area administration. It is important, however, to note that despite sharp differences of opinion these discussions were conducted with the utmost frankness and in a spirit of good fellowship. The end result of all these discussions was a continuance of the centralized system of administration with local autonomy in the individual Clubs.

During this period many Rotary leaders became firmly convinced that the answer to the demand for area administration would be found in a greater degree of participation in the administrative affairs of Rotary International by representatives of Clubs outside North America and Great Britain and Ireland. This was coming to pass by the creation of Rotary Districts in Europe and elsewhere and by the attendance of District Governors at the annual International Assembly.

Because Rotary International had its origin and its early growth on the North American Continent, it was only natural that its affairs during its early history should be administered for the most part by North Americans. With its spread around the world, and the inclusion within its ranks of Clubs from many other countries, it soon became evident that these newer Clubs in other lands should be more fully represented in the councils of Rotary. During the third decade much progress was made in this direction.

AT THE 1926 Convention (Denver, Colorado) the number of Rotary International Directors was increased from ten to 12, with provision that the additional Directors should be from outside North America and Britain and Ireland. At the 1931 Convention (Vienna) the number of RI Directors was again increased—from 12 to 14—the additional Directors to be from outside the U.S.A., Canada, and Britain and Ireland, thus providing that at least five members of the Board would always be from the "other countries."

Much progress also was made during the third decade in the internationalization of the personnel of the various administrative Committees of Rotary International. On the Secretariat staff came more people from outside North America.

As more and more Rotarians from countries other than the United States were brought into active participation in the administration of Rotary's affairs, the fear of "Yankee domination" became less of a problem. As a result of this internationalization of personnel, the flow of ideas between the headquarters in Chicago and Rotary Clubs of all countries became a "two-way street." An increasing number of suggestions from Clubs in other countries were adapted to Rotary's procedures.

The "Aims and Objects" plan with its

new terminology for broadening the scope of Vocational Service, and balancing all phases of activities by Rotary Clubs and Rotarians, originated in Great Britain and Ireland, and was readily adopted at the 1927 Convention (Ostend, Belgium).

Experience has shown that, despite the inherent limitations of time and distance, men of many nations have found it possible to attend meetings and to participate in the joint administration of the Rotary movement.

ONE of the most perplexing problems which confronted Rotary International during the third decade of its history was to find the solution to the following question: "What official action, if any, should Rotary International take with respect to dealing with the economic problems which divide humanity?" There was a feeling among some Rotarians that Rotary was too conservative in its approach to the solution of economic and political ills. These enthusiasts called for more positive and corporate action on such vexatious problems as trade barriers, war reparations, and other intergovernmental and political issues. Some even expected Rotary to find a cure for the world depression. Fortunately for Rotary, it declined to engage in such a pretentious program. Instead it held firmly to its policy of encouraging the objective study of the issues involved by individual Rotarians and local communities. Resolution 31, adopted at the 1932 Convention (Seattle), reaffirmed this policy in the following language:

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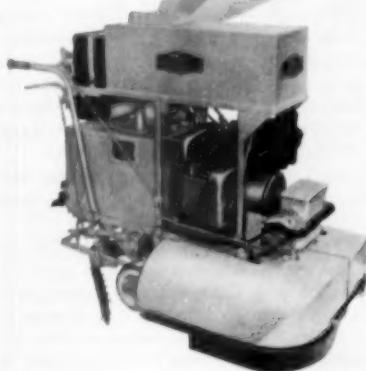
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IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Rotary International is urged to continue and, if practicable, to intensify the policy of supplying to Rotarians through the various Rotary Clubs such information upon the foregoing subjects as may be conducive to a better understanding of the problems involved and to the encouragement of such efforts by Rotarians individually as may further the happy solution of these problems.

Notwithstanding the success of the Edinburgh Convention (1921), many Rotarians felt that, as Rotary membership grew larger and larger, the problems of transporting people to and housing them at Conventions outside the United States would prove insurmountable. As a matter of fact, three highly successful Conventions were held outside the U. S. during the third decade.

For the Ostend Convention (1927) and the Vienna Convention (1931), 3,000 Rotarians and their families from North America were transported to Europe in a fleet of six liners exclusively for Rotarians. Those who made the trip on these ships were afforded a never-to-be-forgotten experience in Rotary fellowship.

Both at Vienna and at Mexico City (1935) the problem of housing the delegates to the Convention was one of great concern to the Convention Committee. In each case, however, the problem was solved. The lack of hotel accommodations in Vienna was solved by putting approximately one-third of the visiting Rotarians in private homes or *pensions* where they greatly enjoyed the opportunity of residing for a few days in a Viennese home. At Conventions in North America it was customary to assign the preferable hotel rooms to those who lived farthest from the Convention city. Applying this rule at Vienna would have resulted in first choice of hotel rooms going to the North American Rotarians at a time when a great effort was being made to deemphasize North Americans' historical prominence in the affairs of Rotary. Hence a new and more equitable plan was developed for that Convention.

At Mexico City some 3,000 visitors from the North were provided with comfortable sleeping accommodations and familiar foods in a "Pullman Garden City." The 27 special trains in which they came were held in the "Pullman City" during the Convention week. In this unique "city" there were 243 Pullman cars for sleeping and 44 dining cars. The National Railroads of Mexico constructed four miles of tracks and two miles of roadways, with more than 100 service buildings for bath houses, dressing rooms, barber shops, beauty salons, etc.

The recognition which was accorded Rotary by the Governments of the countries in which these three Conventions were held added greatly to the prestige of Rotary. At Ostend, the King of the Belgians personally attended and opened the first session; in Vienna and Mexico City, the Presidents of each country and other high officials participated in the proceedings. One of the most significant aspects of each of these Conventions was the favorable impression which Rotarians made upon the non-Rotarian segment of the population by their evident seriousness of purpose and their exemplary personal conduct. In each instance, local editorial comment was most favorable to Rotary, its purposes, and the personal conduct of its members.

Rotary, like all human institutions, felt the impact of the world depression of the late '20s and early '30s. By the end of 1935 a total of 107 Clubs had surrendered their charters. But even

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during the most difficult years, Rotary showed a net gain in Clubs and membership, and each year added new countries to the Rotary family. Individual Rotarians made great personal sacrifices to enable them to retain their membership. The story of these personal sacrifices, and the great lengths to which individual Rotary Clubs went to retain their charters, is an inspiring tribute to Rotary's universal appeal and the high value which Rotarians place upon their membership.

A number of suggestions that the annual dues be reduced, in the interest of economy, were rejected. With the benefit of hindsight we now realize that had we yielded to the temptation to reduce the income of the organization, Rotary's program and its further development as an international organization would have been greatly hampered. It would not have been possible to establish the Rotary Foundation in its present sound position. Neither would it have been possible to finance the travel expenses of the thousands of Rotarians, from the far corners of the earth, who since have participated in the central administration of this world-wide organization as Directors, District Governors, and Committeemen.

**BY THE END** of the third decade the number of Rotary Clubs in Rotary had grown from 2,000 to 3,847, the number of countries and regions represented had grown from 36 to 80, and the total membership from 108,000 to 162,000 Rotarians. In the brief period of ten years, Rotary had almost doubled the number of its Clubs.

Probably the most significant accomplishment of this decade was not its tremendous growth, but the further internationalization of Rotary's administrative personnel and its procedures and literature. The successful conduct of international Conventions and Regional Conferences in many places other than North America, and the increased participation in Rotary's affairs of others than North Americans, demonstrated the practicability of continuing Rotary as a federation of autonomous Clubs whose activities are coordinated by a central administration.

Through international teamwork in the conduct of its administrative processes, Rotary has given the world an outstanding example of successful international cooperation.

By the end of the third decade, Rotary had demonstrated its ability to outgrow and conquer the "growing pains and aches" incident to its unprecedented world-wide expansion. Despite differences in language, religion, customs, and scores of political upheavals, Rotary had proved beyond any doubt its true worth as a universal common denominator in human relations.

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## Chess—They Call It a Game

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the opponent's king by forcing it into a position whence it cannot escape, and then attacking it.

The game's fascination lies in its perfection, for the better player always wins. Luck takes no hand and a man can't cheat or bluff his way to victory.

Variations of attack and counterattack are inexhaustible. The number of possible moves between the two armies reaches literally into the billions, and the challenge of discovering a new combination always lures the player into another game.

While learning the moves is simple, mastery of the game requires a unique, unexplainable talent. At the age of 7, prodigies like José Capablanca, of Cuba, and Samuel Reshevsky, a Polish-American, could easily beat experienced, clever adults. Alexander Alekhine and Frank Marshall could play 100 good opponents simultaneously, spend no more than three or four minutes on each board, and win every game.

Even more extraordinary is the ability of a master to play blindfold chess, in which he is told his opponent's moves by the umpire. He, in turn, reports his moves without ever looking at the board. He must keep in mind the positions of the 32 chess men, his plan of attack for several moves in advance, and the possibilities of his opponent's counterattack. It is almost impossible for an amateur to play the game in this fashion. Yet Miguel Najdorf, of Argentina, established a record in 1947 by playing 45 games of blindfold chess simultaneously and losing only two of them.

The magic of chess was first felt in India, where men wagered their fortunes and wives on the outcome of a game. About A.D. 700 the Moors of

North Africa brought it to Spain, from where it moved across Europe like an insidious narcotic. In France, Italy, and Spain the church made clerics do elaborate penance for abandoning themselves to the pleasures of the game. British courts fined workmen for "indulging in so frivolous a game as chesse," and Oxford University black-listed it as "noxious." French merchants made employees sign "I do not want to play chess" affidavits. And in Spain the church ordered that "clerks playing at dice or chess shall be excommunicated."

Chess made history during the Revolutionary War when it helped Washington win the Battle of Trenton. Although Washington tried to keep his attack a secret, a Tory agent sent a warning note to the British general. At the moment of delivery the general was absorbed in a chess game and he absentmindedly slipped the message into his vest pocket. Several hours later, when he opened the note, it was too late to make adequate preparations for defense.

Chess created no big stir in the U.S.A. until Paul Morphy, the game's first American genius, came out of Louisiana in the 1850s to blaze a phenomenal record. A slim, shy youth, Morphy easily conquered all American opposition by the time he was 20, then went on to Europe to challenge Staunton, the British champion. Staunton, realizing that he didn't have a chance against the young American, used every excuse to weasel out of a match; in fact, he announced his retirement and never again played in a tournament.

While vainly waiting for a showdown with the Englishman, Morphy played chess in Paris, where he became a celebrity. After a particularly fine exhibi-



In Vicenza, Italy, chess becomes a rich pageant with costumed, living "chessmen" on the "board" of the town square. Master players make moves from more orthodox boards.

tion he was carried through the streets on the shoulders of a cheering crowd. Every chess addict wanted to play him. Once he attended the Paris Opera as a guest of the Duke of Braunschweig. No sooner did the overture sound than the Duke uncovered a chessboard and insisted on a game. The next day a newspaper expressed shock at the Duke's manners, calling it sacrilegious to play chess during *The Marriage of Figaro*. The Duke, in equally high dudgeon, sued the paper for libel but lost the case.

Morphy returned to the United States, embittered by failure to gain the match that would have led to his recognition as world champion. At the age of 22 he retired from the game and opened law offices in New Orleans.

**M**ORPHY opened the age of chess giants. His successor was Harry Pillsbury. To display his memory powers, Pillsbury would ask a spectator to reel off 30 unrelated words. He then played blindfold chess with one group of opponents and simultaneously played blindfolded checkers with another group. Between moves he took a hand in a game of whist. At the end of this breathtaking performance he repeated the 30 words in their precise order!

As a game of international competition chess came into its glory with Dr. Emanuel Lasker, of Germany, who ruled for 27 years until his defeat in 1921 by José R. Capablanca, of Cuba. Lasker was gifted with a true champion's "killer instinct." He played fierce, determined chess, never falling into the psychological trap of considering defeat. On some occasions when he was losing, he ingeniously complicated the positions so that his opponent could not unravel the problem in time to move. When the clock ran out, Lasker won by default.

Time is always on a player's mind. Clocks are on the table. In important tournaments the time limit is rigidly enforced: each player has two and a half hours for his first 40 moves; he must move at least 16 times an hour thereafter. On the average, therefore, he gets less than four minutes a move. When playing informally, some players like "rapid transit"—ten seconds a move.

Lasker was a gentle, modest man, unique among chessers for his refusal to make excuses. As a group, players don't take defeat gracefully, and several of Lasker's opponents blamed their losses on his cigars. They accused him of deliberately smoking cheap, strong stogies that threw off anaesthetizing fumes. Excuses are not novel. Henry Blackburne, one-time British champion, wryly summed up his career with, "I never beat a healthy man."

While most great players get an emotional kick out of victory and lose weight in brooding over defeat, José

Capablanca, of Cuba, who dominated chess after World War I, always maintained a casual, poker-faced attitude. Never showing joy or depression during a match, he played coldly, clinically, like a mathematician figuring out a problem.

Capablanca remains the only natural chess genius of our century. At the age of 4 he learned the game by watching his father play with a few cronies. Eight years later he was champion of Cuba. He never studied chess in his life, read only one book on the game, and played by instinct. At 22 and virtually unknown he stunned the chess world by taking top prize at the San Sebastian tournament of 1911, the tournament for

"grand masters." Thereafter, in 99 consecutive competitions he lost only one match.

In 1927, when only 38 years old and considered invincible, he lost the championship to Alexander Alekhine, a White Russian who had settled in Germany. Capablanca made no special preparations for the critical match, viewing it simply as another series of games with an ambitious rival. To Alekhine the meeting was the chance of a lifetime. He trained for it like a fighter. He retired to the country, cut out smoking and drinking, and did calisthenics. For three months he played chess only in his mind, building up a head of steam

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for the moment when he would sit down opposite Capablanca. After the defeat, Capablanca wept in disappointment. His game never returned to its old form.

Alekhine was a vain, arrogant man who responded to defeat by hurling his cane across the room and smashing hotel furniture. During one such exhibition an onlooker innocently commented, "Your opening is not according to the book." Alekhine silenced him with, "I am the book."

He always played the man as well as the board. Before a match Alekhine studied the best games of his opponent. (He was reputed to have memorized every master's game since 1900.) Once he found a weakness, he directed his game at it. His obvious determination and relentless attack unnerved many opponents. Dr. Max Euwe, of The Netherlands, world champion of 1935, grew so tense in an encounter with Alekhine that he had to have massages during the match to relax him.

While Lasker, Capablanca, and Alekhine were ruling the international scene—a period of more than 40 years—American chess was dominated off and on by Frank Marshall, a genial, gum-chewing, sometimes brilliant fanatic. In a European tournament Marshall once made such a sensational move—it still delights chess students—that the spectators arose with a cheer and showered the board with money. In another performance he played 155 opponents simultaneously and lost only eight games.

Marshall dedicated his life to chess. For 50 years, from the time he was 10, not a day passed that he didn't play at least one game. "My head was full of chess," he once said, "from morning to night—and in my dreams, too." He even took a miniature chess board to bed so that he could work out plays that suddenly occurred to him. After discovering a particularly intricate line of

play, he kept it a secret for ten years, waiting for a worthy moment. It came in a match with Capablanca, who calmly accepted the challenge of Marshall's unexpected maneuvering and contrived a successful counterattack to beat him.

Supremacy in chess has shifted to the Soviet Union. Championship chess there is no hobby or week-end pursuit. Unless a player can devote his energy and ambition exclusively to the game, he never reaches the top level. Leading players are subsidized by the State. They enjoy the same prestige and privileges given popular writers, composers, and artists. In fact, when Mikhail Botvinnik, world champion since 1948, enters the Moscow opera, he receives the standing ovation awarded a national hero.

Considering that chess is a quiet, inactive game without much at stake except the pleasure of winning, it exerts as baffling an influence over spectators as it does over participants. At the outset of an exhibition the audience is calm, sedate, and neat looking. Nobody shouts or pushes. As the tournament progresses, however, they begin to "play." Their ties grow loose, their coats get wrinkled, their hair becomes disheveled. They silently pray for their favorites and try to will their "opponents" into a blunder. They analyze and argue.

To a dedicated chess player, nothing matters except the game. In the chess clubs of every big city, in metropolitan parks, in dingy commercial chess halls where it costs 25 cents a game, bankers play with truck drivers, manufacturers with shipping clerks, octogenarians with high-school youths. The opponent is first a chess player, secondly a rich man, poor man, beggar man, or thief. Even Cambridge University, it is reported, went out of its cultural class once to engage Bedlam, the asylum for the severely deranged, in a game of correspondence chess. Bedlam won.

## You Can Take Them with You!

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didn't stump him either. When Jane took him to play in a sand box near the Cathedral of Notre Dame, he made friends with a little French girl, who soon appropriated his sand bucket. She argued in French and he in English, but they understood each other and soon came to terms. None of the Alexanders needed a course in international relations.

They had left Wilmette the morning of May 8 and had driven to New York, putting their car in dead storage, they'd sailed from Pier 5 at Hoboken, New Jersey, on May 12.

"That was the first time I really got

excited about the trip," says Bill. "When I saw Jane and the children go up the gangplank, I knew the trip was finally working out."

Of course there was an emergency: Peter boarded the ship with a broken arm encased in a removable cast.

The children had the freedom of the ship. There was no hourly checkup, just a mealtime roundup, when each child reported his new discoveries.

One thing the Alexanders had to know before they left the U.S.A. was where they would stay each night of the trip. You can't be casual about reservations for a party of nine. They had

bought and paid for each night's lodging before leaving Wilmette. They'd arranged to have the Volkswagen delivered to them in Paris.

To their satisfaction they discovered that the car seemed to be made to order. You could fit nine suitcases up back over the engine—and not one more! Likewise, you could fit exactly nine Alexanders on the three seats.

Jane says two of the most important things she took on the trip were pants stretchers.

"She usually wore those stretchers around her neck," Bill reveals, picturing the times they poured out of the car and into a hotel with nine suitcases, eight cameras, and two pairs of pants stretchers which wouldn't fit into any bag.

Laundry and the itinerary sometimes clashed. "At every two-day stop we washed like mad," Jane recalls. She laughs when she tells how in Florence she enjoyed the luxury of stringing her plastic clothesline through four connecting rooms. (Trip supplies included two large bags of detergent and 24 bars of soap.)

FROM San Remo, Italy, Bill found himself writing home, "At the moment we are waiting for the white shirts (nylon) to dry so the boys can look presentable at Rapalle tonight for dinner."

In another letter he told friends, "These daily thrills go on and on; we do not see how they can continue, but they do."

Bill remembers as the proudest moment of the whole trip the night when they were at dinner in another hotel dining room—all scrubbed and in fresh seersucker. An American couple who had observed them throughout the meal came up, and the man said to Bill, "You make me awfully proud of America."

Picnics at noon were the heart of the family program. They bought food at bakeries and markets along the way and didn't have to wait for lunch. Eighteen legs could get out and stretch. Bill and Jane found that travel tension, like air pressure in a tire, can build up with mileage. The best escape valve was a stop by a brook, where the children could skip pebbles, scramble about, and let the crumbs fall where they might.

Did the children beg for things on the trip?

"No," Bill explains, "because each child had what money he could earn all carefully credited and carried by me." Bill and Jane have some sound feelings about money. So most of the year before the trip, the children had worked extra hard, selling vegetables, mowing lawns, doing odd jobs.

Bill had to be banker because he

couldn't risk money scattered around in eight or nine purses and wallets in three or four rooms nightly, especially with the changing of currency at each border.

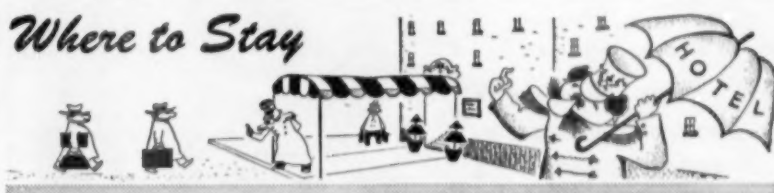
The day they went to Hitler's Eagle's Nest at Berchtesgaden they ran out of local coin before they could have tea, so they headed for Salzburg to round out the day with a visit to Mozart's home. The brochures had mentioned no charge. To their despair, when they arrived, they found a collector at the door. Jane herself exclaimed, "Oh, what a shame! All the children play instruments and Mozart is their favorite composer!"

The family turned to go. But that was too much for the collector, who hurried after them, arms outstretched, calling, "Come back, come back! Mozart's family would wish it!" Gratefully, they did.

Such rewarding experiences don't have to take place in Europe, of course. Bill and Jane Alexander agree they are quite as likely to happen when you take your family to Chicago by air, water, or land.

The main thing to take with you on any family trip, Bill says, is your "attitude of mind." Decide to go, and take things as they come.

Jane says the whole point of packing



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period." Bill and Jane say it works wonders.

This year, of course, the Alexanders will have a shorter ride to the Convention: just a few suburban miles from Wilmette into Chicago. But they can do it in the same Volkswagen. They brought it home from the Paris Convention—with a cargo of family memories that will last a lifetime.

## Your Letters

[Continued from page 2]

for December]. Implementation of national, state, and local traffic-safety programs must depend upon such magazines as yours to carry the message of our highway users across the nation. They alone can throttle this traffic killer.

I was impressed with the article's selective approach. We hear much about selective enforcement, but selective education on the bases of when, where, and why pedestrian accidents are occurring guides the reader to his own responsibility and action in combating this national disgrace. Correctives presented for our traffic dilemma are specific and offer a challenge to the civic-minded citizen who wants to make a real contribution to his community.

May other mediums emulate your fine example.

## Re: A Trip to the Zoo

Told by M. D. TURBOW, Rotarian Dentist

Southeast Los Angeles, California

From time to time THE ROTARIAN has told its readers about the Visiting International Student Association (VISA), which was organized by Rotarians who compose the Clubs in what are now Districts 160-A, 160-B, and 160-C. Many are the activities which they carry on to help these students from other lands get acquainted with the U.S.A. and the community in which they are living while studying in California colleges and universities.

Recently we of Southeast Los Angeles did something different. We took all the VISA students in the three Districts to the famous San Diego Zoo. There

were 16 students representing 13 countries. The trip was made by train and by bus (see photo) from train to the Zoo. Lunch and entertainment were provided for the students, and, believe me, all those who were present had a most enjoyable and thrilling time.

I think this is the best possible way in which Rotary Clubs can promote goodwill and better understanding with all the countries from which these students come.

## Nations Should Apply 'Test'

Thinks N. SICKENGA, Rotarian Nimwegen, The Netherlands

What Frederick A. Roblee, an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Bay City, Michigan, writes in THE ROTARIAN for December, 1954 [see Opinion, page 60], seems to me quite right. He says: "If this test [the Four Way Test] is needed right at home, it is still more urgently needed in world affairs today."

I believe strongly that many so-called international difficulties could be solved quite easily if nations mutually would apply the Four-Way Test. The question of "free trade or protection?" would be simplified immensely. Goodwill and better friendships are what this world, possessed of fear, craves.

## 'Discouraged with Mankind'

Says MRS. T. E. HOFFMAN

Wife of Rotarian

Cavite, The Philippines

THE ROTARIAN for December, 1954, has just reached us here in The Philippines, thanks to the Rotary Club of Vassar, Michigan, of which my husband is an honorary member.

Frankly, I was somewhat discouraged with mankind when I started reading the answers given in *You Are the Edi-*



From 13 lands, these students and their California hosts are on their way to the zoo.

*tor—What Would You Do?* The question concerned the handling of newspaper publicity following a suicide. There they were: "It's Page 1 News," "Playing Down Unfair to Others," "Give It 'Straight' Handling," "Temper News with Editorial," and then, thank God, was the answer by Ezra J. Crane, of Hawaii: "We Don't Mention Suicides." How right he was when he said, "The only sufferers are his loved ones. Why should they be subjected to greater indignities, shame, and soul-searing tortures?" Mr. Crane . . . is a man who is making a practical application of Rotary's "Service above Self."

Undoubtedly, suicide is news, but so are millions of other happenings every day. No paper is big enough to print all the news; therefore, since selection becomes necessary, why not eliminate those items which might bring grief or pain to other innocent human beings?

If ever I am fortunate enough to make my home in Hawaii, Mr. Crane's newspaper is assured of another subscriber.

### Symposium Proves Vehicle

*Finds* WILLIAM C. PARKER, *Rotarian Electric-Appliance Publicist*  
Mansfield, Ohio

As a former newspaperman and as a public-relations man now dealing with newspapers, may I extend you my compliments and congratulations for having developed and printed the excellent symposium in *THE ROTARIAN* for December, 1954, entitled *You Are the Editor: What Would You Do?*

This symposium has served as an excellent vehicle for the members of Rotary who represented the fourth estate to show what they mean by "high ethical standards in business and professions"—the second avenue of Rotary's Object.

### Needed: Better Reporting

*Says* EARL R. KOCHHEISER, *Rotarian Office-Stationery Retailer*  
Mansfield, Ohio

Being an interested reader of *THE ROTARIAN* each month I couldn't help being interested in the debate *You Are the Editor: What Would You Do?* [December, 1954, Issue]. The answers were a typical cross-section of American press philosophy, which most people would say was freedom of the press to express itself as it saw fit. However, it is evident that too many papers play up the sordid, dirty, and muddy part of most news when it falls within the category of crime of one type or another.

For lack of a better term, I should say that such an editorial staff is looking for headlines by which it can increase the circulation, upon which basis, when carried on continuously, can be determined the rate for advertising copy. Logically this can mean none other than ulterior motives. Fortunately this is not true of all newspapers, but unfortunately they are in the minority.

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good rather than the bad, light instead of darkness, facts instead of fiction, fair instead of foul. To all such reporting we might use that old but well-known saying "If the shoe fits, put it on"—and to those who have the ability of reporting well, congratulations.

## Newspaper Must Give News

Believes J. C. ORENDAIN, *Rotarian*  
Attorney  
Manila, The Philippines

The Editors have asked for readers' views on the question discussed in *You Are the Editor—What Would You Do?* [THE ROTARIAN for December, 1954]. Here are mine:

Tell the truth. A newspaper is a public service. It must give news as it is, neither colored nor disguised.

There must be reasons for suicide—disappointment, mental fatigue, or exhaustion which caused the deceased to lose control of himself. If this turns out to be the case, print it—it would be an extension of the unfortunate incident.

The presentation of facts as they are will make the suicide's friends and patients understand. It will bring out the picture of the man himself. The story, properly handled, will make the readers realize that a small gap in life may bring about success or failure, victory or defeat.

For an editor to play it up would be misrepresentation; to play it down would be to withhold truth; to suppress it would be to turn recreant to public trust.

## Community Service in Action

Told by PAUL S. BOND, *Rotarian*  
Public-Utility Publicist  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Several months ago Harvey S. Firestone, Jr., told in *The Chest Expands!* [THE ROTARIAN for October, 1954] how "people throughout the world are learning what more than 2 million American volunteers know: working for a Community Chest or United Fund campaign is a cherished privilege."

Members of eight Kent County, Michigan, Rotary Clubs would testify to the belief that it is a "cherished privilege." Recently to the Rotary Club of Comstock Park, Michigan, was presented the District Governor's Cup which goes annually to the Rotary Club with the highest percentage of quota in the annual Red Feather-Red Cross campaign. This year the Comstock Park Rotary Club finished with 160.2 percent of its quota, winning the coveted trophy for the second year in a row. I had the privilege of presenting the trophy to Nick Fink, campaign Chairman (at right in photo; Club President Richard J. Williamson looks on), on behalf of District Governor Eldon A. Nichols, of Muskegon.

This is an excellent example of Community Service in action when eight Rotary Clubs within the same trading area will individually and collectively pool their manpower and resources to work toward a common goal. Six of the eight Clubs were over 100 percent of quota, with 338 Rotarians participating.

## That Souvenir Issue As These Readers Saw It

### Comprehensive, Interesting Story

Notes WALTER D. HEAD, *Educator*  
Past President, *Rotary International*  
Teaneck, New Jersey

It is a . . . comprehensive and interesting story of past, present, and future Rotary, and a story with an appeal far beyond the circles of our organization.

### Re: History, Growth, Olney

By VICTOR FRENKIL, *Rotarian*  
Builder and Engineer  
Baltimore, Maryland

The history of the founders, growth of Rotary, and the story of Rotary in Olney, a typical average city, were very interesting. . . .

### Letters from a Distance

For J. A. CAULDER, *Rotarian*  
Retired Dairyman  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Thanks for allowing me a part in the fine Golden Anniversary Issue [Hobby Hitching Post]. I am already getting letters from a distance, and now I have an idea how many of our local members read the last few pages of THE ROTARIAN. . . .

### 'Will Enjoy Every Minute of It'

Says D. EMORY MARKEY, *Rotarian*  
Dentist

Big Bear Lake (Bear Valley), Calif.

. . . It will take one a long time to digest thoroughly its marvellous contents, but you can be sure I will gladly take the time and will enjoy every minute of it.

### Appreciative of 'Guidance'

Says WILDA RICHARDSON  
Executive Director  
Pilot International  
Macon, Georgia

We congratulate you upon the publication of this outstanding issue, which we know will be treasured by every member of Rotary.

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## Rotary Reporter

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"that shows what a community can do when its citizens pull together." In 1952 the Cashmere Rotary Club spearheaded a local vote campaign, winning an award for its public service from the American Heritage Foundation.

### A Vehicle to Be Proud Of

There's a new vehicle standing ready for emergency use in NAVSARI, INDIA, one that residents are very likely to be calling the "Rotary car." It's an ambulance presented to the municipality by the NAVSARI Rotary Club at ceremonies attended by the Minister of Finance for Bombay State, Dr. Jivraj N. Mehta. Funds for the ambulance were raised by a community-wide campaign and donations of Club members.

### Tennis, Anyone? 30 Say 'Yes'

Not far off is the '55 season for outdoor sports in many Rotary lands, and in numerous communities Rotary Clubs are busy making plans for golfing tournaments, Little League baseball, horseshoe-pitching contests, and other sports. In northern Arizona, for example, a Rotary-sponsored tennis tournament is scheduled, the sixth to be held. Last year the competition drew 30 entrants for contests held in PRESCOTT. Games were played in divisions for men and women.

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### 21 New Clubs in Rotary World

Since the last listing of new Rotary Clubs in this department, Rotary has entered 21 more communities in many parts of the world. The new Clubs (with their sponsors in parentheses) are: Bethlehem (Bloemfontein), South Africa; Seaham, England; Ambert (Thiers), France; Grums (Karlstad), Sweden; Vernon (Dreux and Evreux), France; Mysen (Askim), Norway; Matera (Potenza), Italy; Sézanne (Epernay), France; Terra di Lavoro (Naples), Italy; Tjirebon (Bandung), Indonesia; Pingtung (Taipei), China; Sastre (San Jorge), Argentina; Bulle (Fribourg), Switzerland; Emden (Wilhelmshaven), Germany; Eura (Rauma), Finland; Alliston (Beeton and Toronto), Ont., Canada; Ranchi (Patna), India; Carlos Pellegrini (San Jorge), Argentina; Harjavalta (Pori), Finland; Louth, England; Deeside, Wales.

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# HOBBY

## Hitching Post

*ALONG southern California's mountain trails and down its steep canyons, JORDAN E. DUNAWAY, a Past President of the Rotary Club of Hawthorne, can be seen following his hobby most any sunny afternoon. It's one calling for a special skill, as you'll deduct from his story about it.*

**ALONG** about 4 o'clock each afternoon except Sunday, it's my time to go to the barn on my ranch, saddle up one of my Palomino horses, and ride for two hours or more through the hills and canyons surrounding my home close by the southern limits of Los Angeles. It's invigorating for both body and spirit, enabling me to return refreshed to the operation of my funeral home. Occasionally I set out alone on a midnight ride, an experience deeply satisfying as rider and horse work together to travel narrow trails without mishap.

It can be said, as it often has been, that I am crazy about horses. In barn stalls on my ranch are four horses, two for saddling and two brood mares, all of them of the Palomino strain. A Palomino, I should explain for nonhorsey readers, is a show and parade type that originated in Mexico during the period of Spanish rule. It is now the only American horse bred primarily for color—a light golden chestnut with an almost white mane and tail. It is found mostly in California and Texas, and is used largely under saddle.

Palominos are excellent riding horses, easily trained for specific purposes. For example, I train mine for parade marching, mountain-trail work, and even for hunting children lost in the woods, this latter emergency not at all uncommon in this canyon country. My prize parade horse is "Arkansas Traveler," a beautiful stallion I ride in about 20 parades a year. I keep a two-horse trailer hooked up for travelling to parades as far away as Phoenix, Arizona, or San Francisco, California. Many are near-by, however, such as the Rose Bowl parade in Pasadena and the Christmas parade in Hollywood.

Much of my parading is done with the Mounted Police Patrol of Long Beach, California, an organization of businessmen who own and ride Palomino horses equipped with silver saddles. We travel great distances quite often to take part in colorful marches. In January, 1953, we loaded our steeds and equipment in several baggage coaches and headed for Washington, D. C., and the inaugural parade held for President Eisenhower. Shortly before that, we went—50 strong—to Mexico City, Mexico, for a gala parade there. Pencilled in on our schedule are future parades in Canada, Hawaii, and New Orleans, Louisiana.

Not all our activities as mounted patrolmen are concerned with parades,

however. As often as is necessary, the members of the patrol are called upon to help in such emergencies as fires, riots, earthquakes, and, as I have mentioned, to help find youngsters who stray too far into a forest. When riding with the mounted patrol, members wear a special uniform and badge.

Besides riding, horsemen also get much pleasure from showing their horses at fairs, stock shows, and other public exhibitions. Some years ago I organized the Palomino Exhibitors Association, which annually displays horses of this breed at the Los Angeles County Fair. Usually we show about 22 prize horses, plus handsome harness paraphernalia that includes silver saddles. At the county fair last year, more than half a million persons visited the site of our horse and harness display.

Now, lest you think this hobby of mine is all riding and exhibiting, I want



Astride "Arkansas Traveler," his parade horse, Rotarian Dunaway wears the regalia of a California mounted patrol.

to point out that it includes some real work, too. There's barn work, and that ranges from regular currying and washing to feeding and health care. Then there's fencing to do out in the pasture, saddles and harnesses to keep in good condition, and a hay loft to keep filled. When not busy at these chores, I turn to teaching the trail horses how to work with a rider in roping calves.

Sounds like a lot of work, doesn't it? Well, it would be, if you didn't like it. But I like it, for it all becomes worth while when I'm on the trail, say, at midnight, a cool breeze tingling my face, as "Sierra Joe" and I work together on a foot-wide path that twists and turns its way down a 1,000-foot slope. That's

a moment when rider and horse must work as one, with the horseman remembering that his mount can see no better in the darkness than he can. Both must be ready for split-second emergencies, such as a snake slithering across the path, or a fallen tree lying squarely in front of you. When such happens, you "pull leather" quickly, if you want to remain in the saddle.

At the end of a ride, especially if it has been a hard one, that's when a rider feels a bursting pride in his horse. I know I do. I always slide the saddle from "Sierra Joe's" back, pat his fat neck, and say aloud, "Nice going, Joe! Good job." Then I have a warm shower and a cup of hot coffee. It's one of those moments when you say, "It's wonderful to be alive!"

## What's Your Hobby?

If you are a Rotarian or a member of a Rotarian's family, THE HOBBYHORSE GROOM will be happy to list your name below if you will drop him a card or letter telling your particular hobby interest. His one request: that you acknowledge any correspondence that comes your way.

**Stamps:** Michael J. Beck (14-year-old son of Rotarian)—will exchange Australian stamps for U.S.A., British Empire, or British stamps with boy or girl about the same age; perfect and lightly marked copies preferred, P. O. Box 167, Rockhampton, Australia.

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Lynne Begg (14-year-old daughter of Rotarian)—desires pen pals; interested in exchanging stamps except in Canada and U.S.A., 105 Eighth Ave. S., Port Alberni, B. C., Canada.

Eileen King (15-year-old daughter of Rotarian)—would like pen pals aged 10-18; interests include baseball, sewing, reading, Box 97, Rochester, Tex., U.S.A.

Gretchen Miller (14-year-old daughter of Rotarian)—would like to correspond with

young people interested in collecting stamps, postcards, coins; also interested in music and Girl Scouting, 7 Kendall Ave., Rutland, Vt., U.S.A.

Patricia Volland (15-year-old daughter of Rotarian)—interested in corresponding with pen pals aged 15-18; interested in sports and music, 922 N. St. Joe, Hastings, Nebr., U.S.A.

Christy Bulkeley (daughter of Rotarian)—desires pen pals outside U.S.A.; collects postcards and sea shells, R.R., Abingdon, Ill., U.S.A.

Satish Chandra Gupta (16-year-old brother-in-law of Rotarian)—would like pen friends; interested in photography, stamp collecting, and literature, "Brahma Niwas," Atrauli (Dist. Allahgarh), India.

Ann Dombourian (15-year-old daughter of Rotarian)—desires correspondence with young people in other countries; interested in exchanging American stamps for those of other countries, 1249 Granada Dr., New Orleans, La., U.S.A.

Patsy Hollings (18-year-old daughter of Rotarian)—desires pen pals in other countries—interests are music, reading, sports, 9 Puriri St., Lower Hutt, New Zealand.

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Patsy Ruth Grant (16-year-old daughter of Rotarian)—would like pen pals aged 16-18; interested in reading, music, collecting small dolls, sports, Box 122, Killebrew, Tex., U.S.A.

Linda Evans (18-year-old daughter of Rotarian)—would like to correspond with young people aged 12-14; interests include baton twirling, collecting postcards, cooking, swimming, Sylvania, Ga., U.S.A.

Margot Deane (15-year-old niece of Rotarian)—desires girl pen pals outside Australia aged 13-16; interests are stamp collecting and sports, St. Anne's, C.E.G.G.S., 8 Raymond St., Sale, Australia.

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Martha Jane Martin (12-year-old daughter of Rotarian)—interested in pen pals aged 11-14; interested in music, dancing, cooking, collecting postcards, Box 257, Hillsboro, Tex., U.S.A.

June Whatley (12-year-old daughter of Rotarian)—would like to correspond with young people aged 12-13; hobbies are horseback riding, sewing, designing, swimming, 509 Sixth Ave., Opelika, Ala., U.S.A.

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Judy Knight (15-year-old daughter of Rotarian)—desires correspondence; interests are collecting postcards, stamps, miniature objects, Box 141, P. O., Leeton, Australia.

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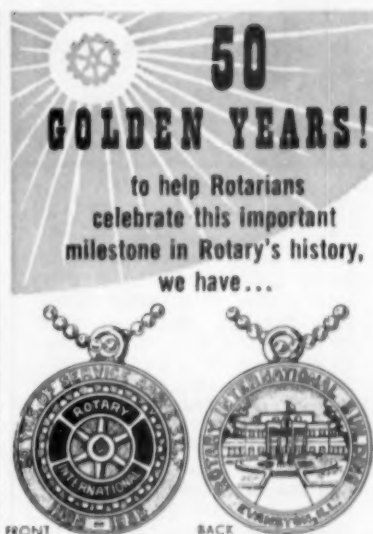
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Abdul Satar Musabhai (nephew of Rotarian)—would like pen friends from all over the world; hobbies include sports, social clubs, postcards, Behind Danapith, Bhavanagar, India.

Joan Wilcombe (11-year-old stepdaughter of Rotarian)—would like to correspond with girls throughout the world who are interested in ballet dancing, P.O. Box U-1, Carmel, Calif., U.S.A.

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The new efficiency expert had reached the stage of his inquiry into the firm's affairs where he was questioning individual employees, something deeply resented by the personnel. In one office he asked the executive reading a newspaper: "And what do you do?" "Nothing!" snapped the man. The expert went aside and noted in a booklet: "At 11:27 A.M. I asked Mr. X what he did and he replied, 'Nothing.'"

In the next room he asked the same question of another man reading a paper. Again the answer was, "Nothing!" Once more he noted in his book: "At 11:29 I asked Mr. Y what he did and he replied, 'Nothing.'"

Underneath he added: "This is another glaring instance of duplication and overlapping of duties."

## Beware the Backfire!

That snappy comeback, quick and hot,  
May bonds of friendship sever.  
The right RIPOSTE, as oft as not,  
Is better late than clever!

—S. OMAR BARKER

## Famous Johns

Following are 12 well-known persons whose first name was or is John:

1. A U. S. President. 2. A bareheaded evangelist. 3. A U. S. antislavery leader.
4. A sutor. 5. A religious reformer. 6. A Chief Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court. 7. A co-worker of Henry Clay.
8. A singer. 9. A general. 10. An actor. 11. A labor figure. 12. A Bible translator.

This quiz was submitted by Mrs. Fred Wanzenried, wife of a Chino, California, Rotarian.

## Famous Statesman

My first is in currant, but not in banana.

My second's in huckleberry, but not in pear.

My third is in prune, but not in pineapple.

My fourth is in orange, but not in beachplum.

My fifth is in peach, but not in tangerine.

My sixth is in cherry, but not in wild grape.

My seventh's in apricot, but not in gooseberry.

My eighth is in lemon, but not in papaya.

My ninth is in blueberry, but not in rhubarb.

My whole is a famous statesman.

This quiz was submitted by Virginia D. Randall.

The answers to these quizzes will be found in the next column.

## Twice Told Tales

"Why, Mrs. Brown, you look quite festive today. What's up?"

"Haven't you heard my Bill comes out today?"

"But I thought the judge gave him seven years."

"He did, but they're letting him out nearly two years earlier because he behaved so well."

"My goodness, Mrs. Brown! What comfort it must be to you to have such a good son."—Re-Saw.

"Here is something to solve your church's financial problem."

"What is it?" asked the pastor, eagerly.

"A contribution box. Coins fall

through slots of different sizes. Paper money, half dollars, and quarters fall on velvet. Nickels and pennies drop on a bell."—Tucsonian, TUCSON, ARIZONA.

The prosecutor asked a continuance in the case. "Any time," said the Connecticut judge, "except Saturday. You see," he added with judicial thoughtfulness, "I have to appear as a witness in New Haven, Saturday. Yale against someone or other."—The Rotecho, MILTON, PENNSYLVANIA.

A milkman found this scribbled note waiting for him: "Dear Milkman: We don't want milk every day. We want milk like this: Today we want milk. Tomorrow we don't, and the next day will be just like the day before the day after tomorrow."—The Ginger Snap, WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE, OHIO.

A lady motorist stopped beside a hill farmer and began exclaiming over the beauty of the countryside. "Is it really true," she gushed, "that you spend your life on these lovely hills, walking amongst mists all day long, or tramping through the daisies?" To which the farmer replied sourly: "No, but my dog does."—Rotary Wheel, RIPON, WISCONSIN.

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## Answers to Quizzes

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11. John L. Lewis.  
10. John Wayne.  
9. John Hancock.  
8. John Brown.  
7. John C. Calhoun.  
6. John Calvin.  
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### LAKE BREEZE

A daring landlubber named Drake  
Took his wife for a sail on a lake,  
Then along came a blast  
That snapped off the mast,

### BEAR FARE

Here again is the bobtailed limerick presented in The Rotarian for November:  
A hunter named Angus McPare  
Encountered a large grizzly bear.  
Angus ran for a free,  
Said the grizzly, "Don't flee,"

Here are the "ten best" last lines:

"I relish a man's savoir faire."

(C. L. Martin, son of a Thompsonville, Connecticut, Rotarian.)

"Ground meat is my dish, not free fare."

(Carl Shrode, member of the Rotary Club of Evansville, Indiana.)

"I've a spot for a Scot in my lair."

(F. L. Hill, member of the Rotary Club of Sausalito, California.)

"You'll only find Mama up there."

(Mrs. B. H. Corthell, wife of a Port Clinton, Ohio, Rotarian.)

"I just want the kilt that you wear."

(B. A. Tingley, member of the Rotary Club of Summerland, B. C., Canada.)

"Scotch meat for a bear is rare fare."

(E. G. Gleason, son of a Geelong, Australia, Rotarian.)

"You're my prehibernation éclair."

(Jo Anne Proctor, daughter of an Armour Heights, Ontario, Canada, Rotarian.)

"Angus beef is the best anywhere."

(Mrs. Charles Covington, wife of a Mangum, Oklahoma, Rotarian.)

"A plump man like you is quite rare."

(Sydney R. Nathanielsz, son of a Colombo, Ceylon, Rotarian.)

"I'll give you a lift to my lair."

(Eckhart Müller, Heidenheim, Germany.)

## When this . . .

**T**XI drivers are an ubiquitous group. It's their business to be. And not only are they almost always in evidence, but they also often pop up with strange items of information gleaned while passing the time of day with passengers. A colorful, venturesome group of men, "cabbies" have produced many a legend. This one, a true story, came to the Circulation Office of *The Rotarian* not long ago in a letter from Harry Simpson, of Morrisville, Pennsylvania, Governor of District 265. Cab riding in Miami, Florida, Governor Simpson was brought up short by the driver, who remarked on the cogwheel lapel button the Governor was wearing. Calmly, the "cabbie" began a discussion of Rotary. He liked the organization. He said he had always found Rotarians to be men of the highest caliber. He felt that Rotary did more for youth than any other organization.



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